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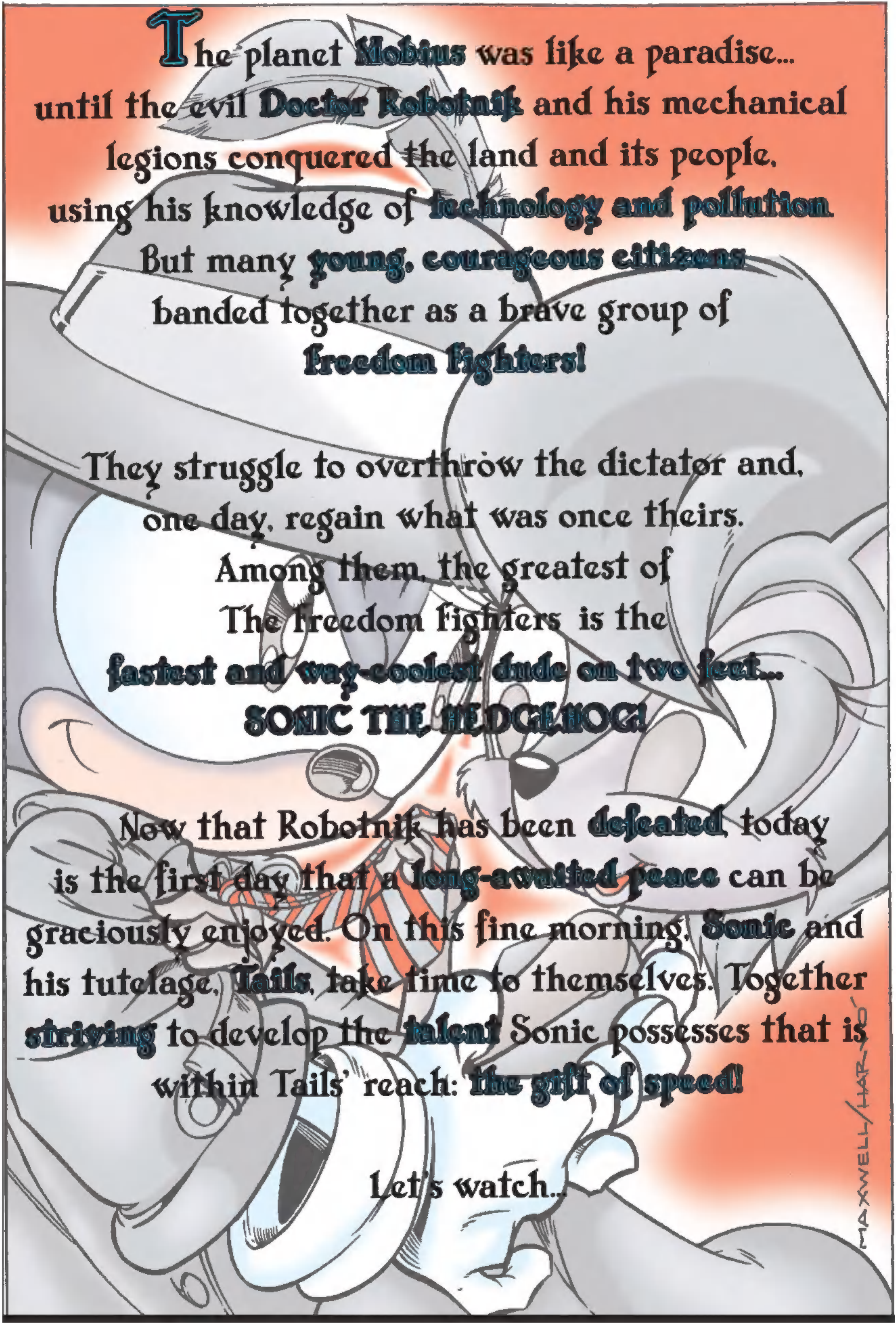
# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG



SPAZ  
HAWK





**T**he planet **Mobius** was like a paradise...  
until the evil **Doctor Robotnik** and his mechanical  
legions conquered the land and its people,  
using his knowledge of **technology and pollution**.  
But many **young, courageous citizens**  
banded together as a brave group of  
**Freedom Fighters!**

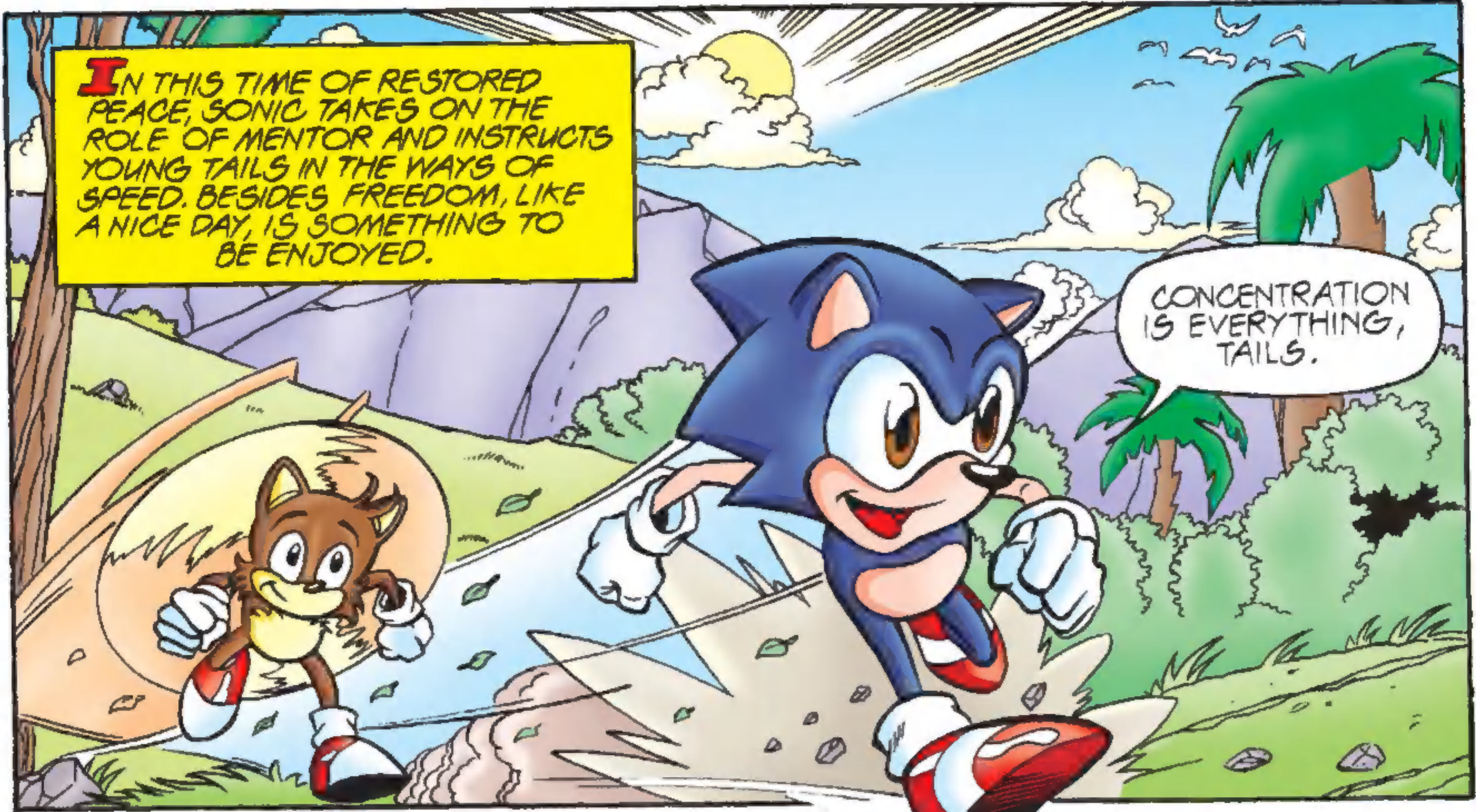
They struggle to overthrow the dictator and,  
one day, regain what was once theirs.

Among them, the greatest of  
The freedom fighters is the  
**fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet...**  
**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

Now that Robotnik has been **defeated**, today  
is the first day that a **long-awaited peace** can be  
graciously enjoyed. On this fine morning, **Sonic** and  
his tutelage, **Tails**, take time to themselves. Together  
**striving** to develop the **talent** Sonic possesses that is  
within Tails' reach: **the gift of speed!**

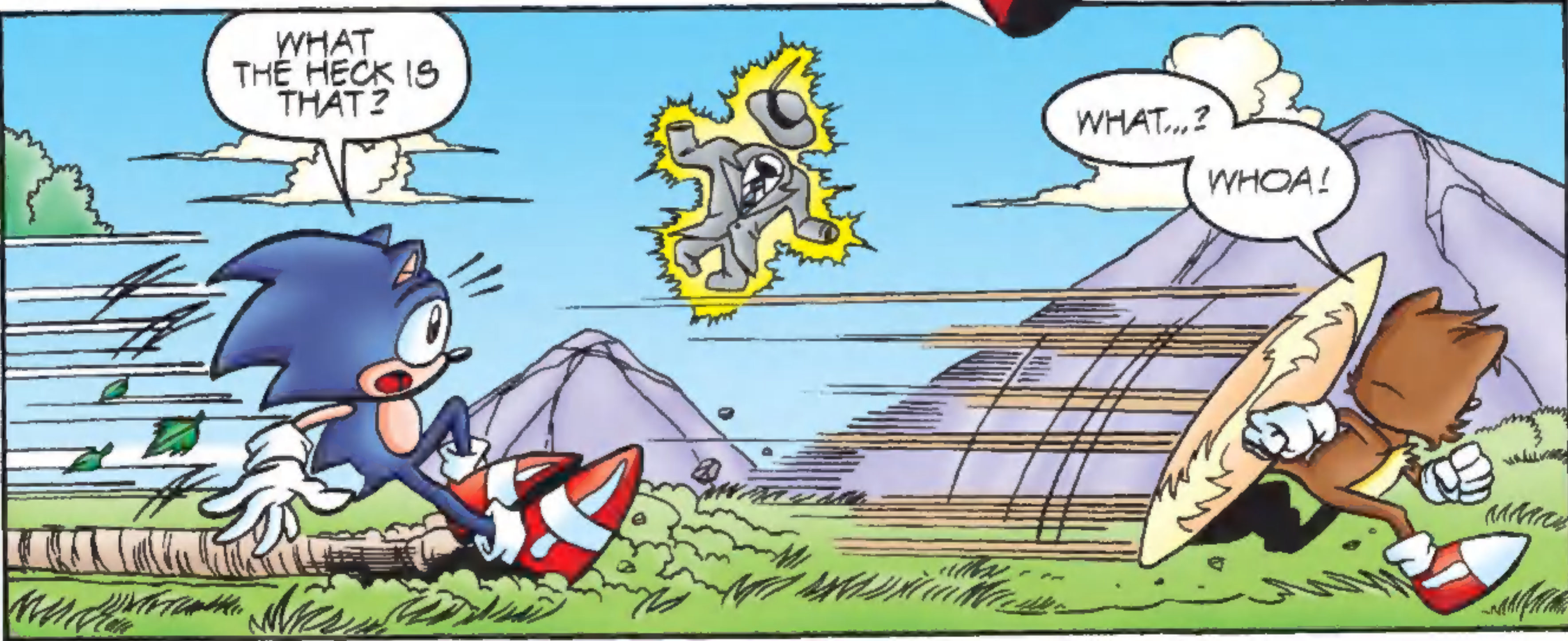
Let's watch...





**I**N THIS TIME OF RESTORED PEACE, SONIC TAKES ON THE ROLE OF MENTOR AND INSTRUCTS YOUNG TAILS IN THE WAYS OF SPEED. BESIDES FREEDOM, LIKE A NICE DAY, IS SOMETHING TO BE ENJOYED.

CONCENTRATION IS EVERYTHING, TAILS.



WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

WHAT...?  
WHOA!



I DON'T KNOW WHOSE LITTLE SCHEME THIS IS, BUT IT SURE IS CHEEZY LOOKIN'.

I'D BETTER CHECK THIS OUT AND SEE FOR MYSELF.

DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE?



I DON'T KNOW, YOU JUST GO BACK AND TELL THE OTHERS.

I'M ALREADY GONE.







IN ANOTHER TIME,  
ANOTHER PLACE...

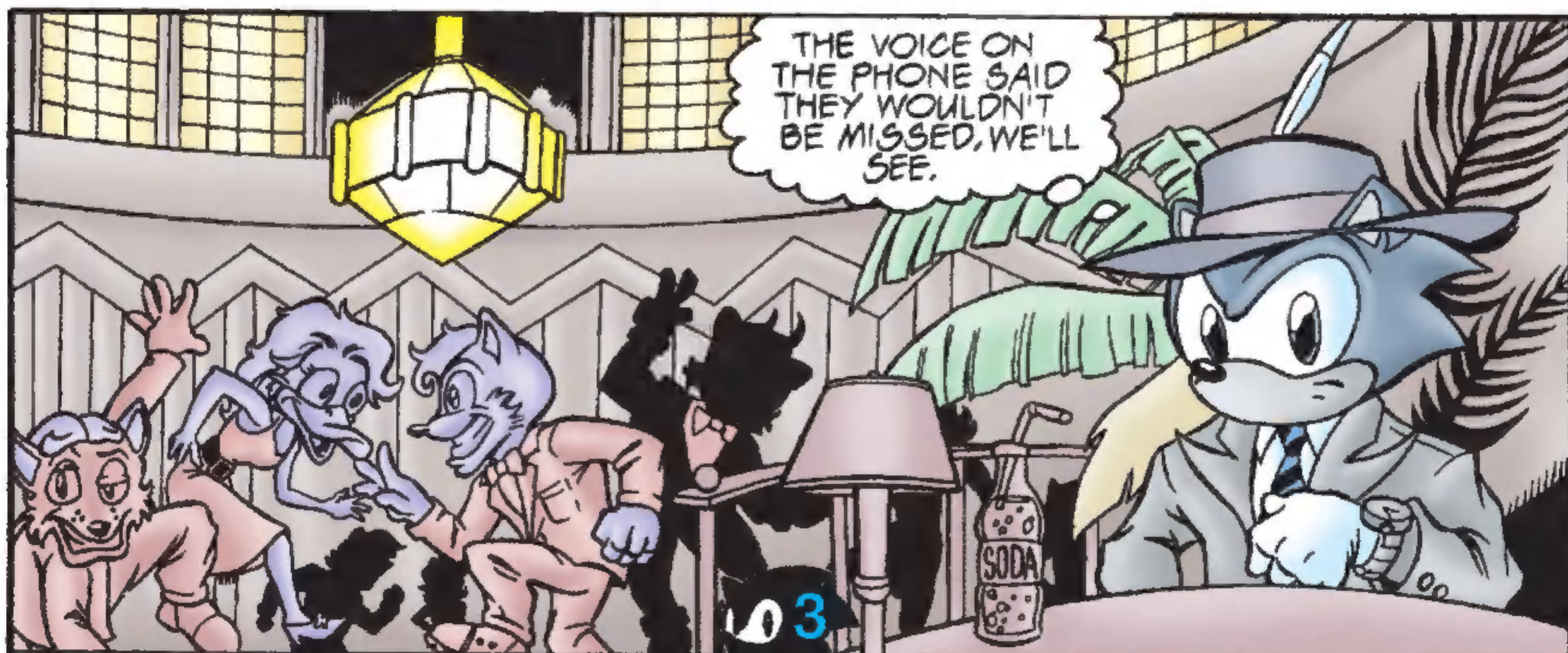
PEOPLE COME TO THIS CLASSY  
ESTABLISHMENT TO DANCE,  
AND GET AWAY FROM THE EVIL  
DOCTOR AND HIS ROBOTIC ARMY.  
THIS IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE  
PEOPLE OF THIS CITY. FOR THIS IS  
ONE PLACE THE DOCTOR'S ALL  
SEEING EYES AND LISTENING EARS  
ARE NOT.

# THE DISCOVERY

## ZONE PART 1

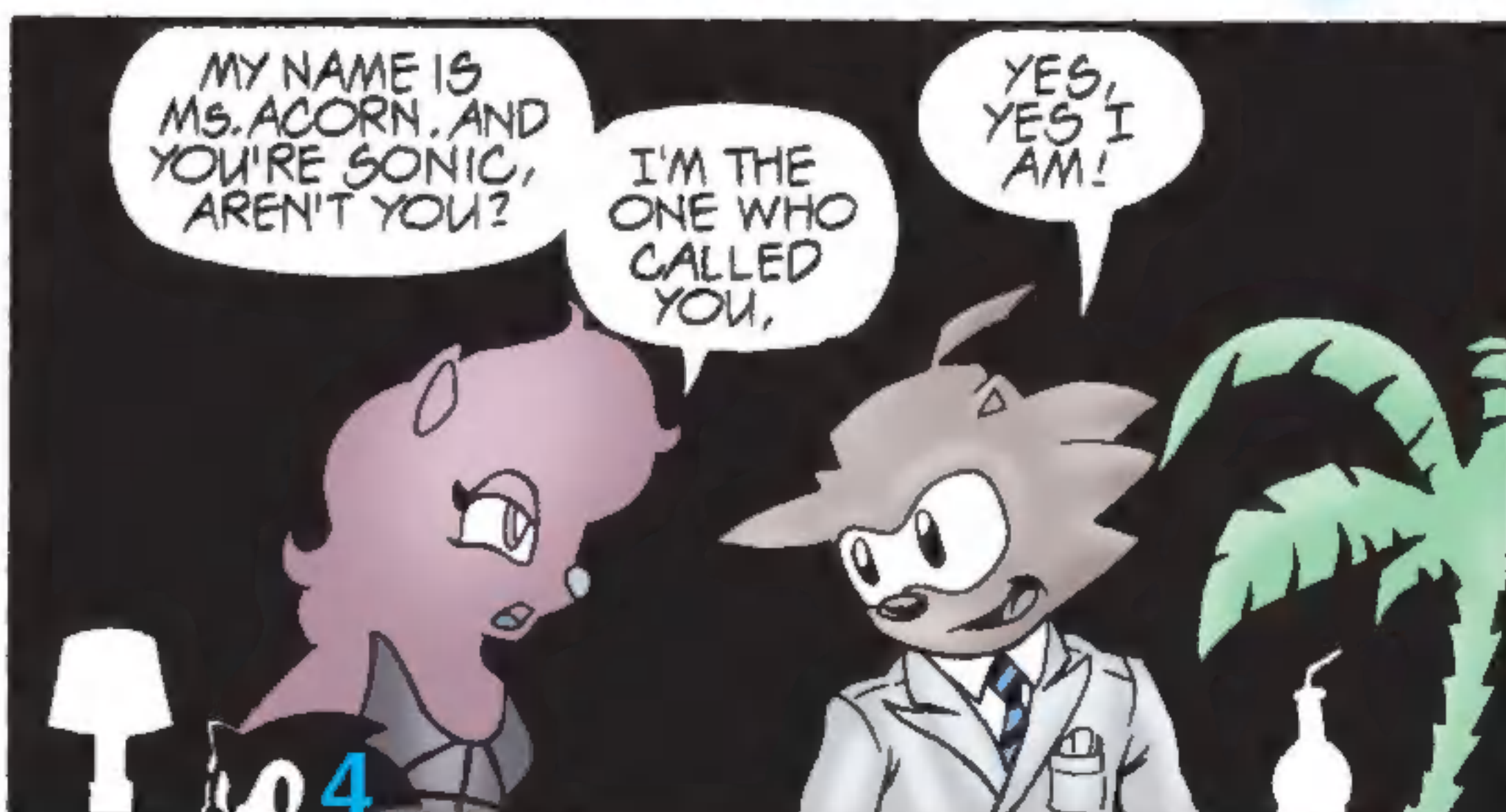
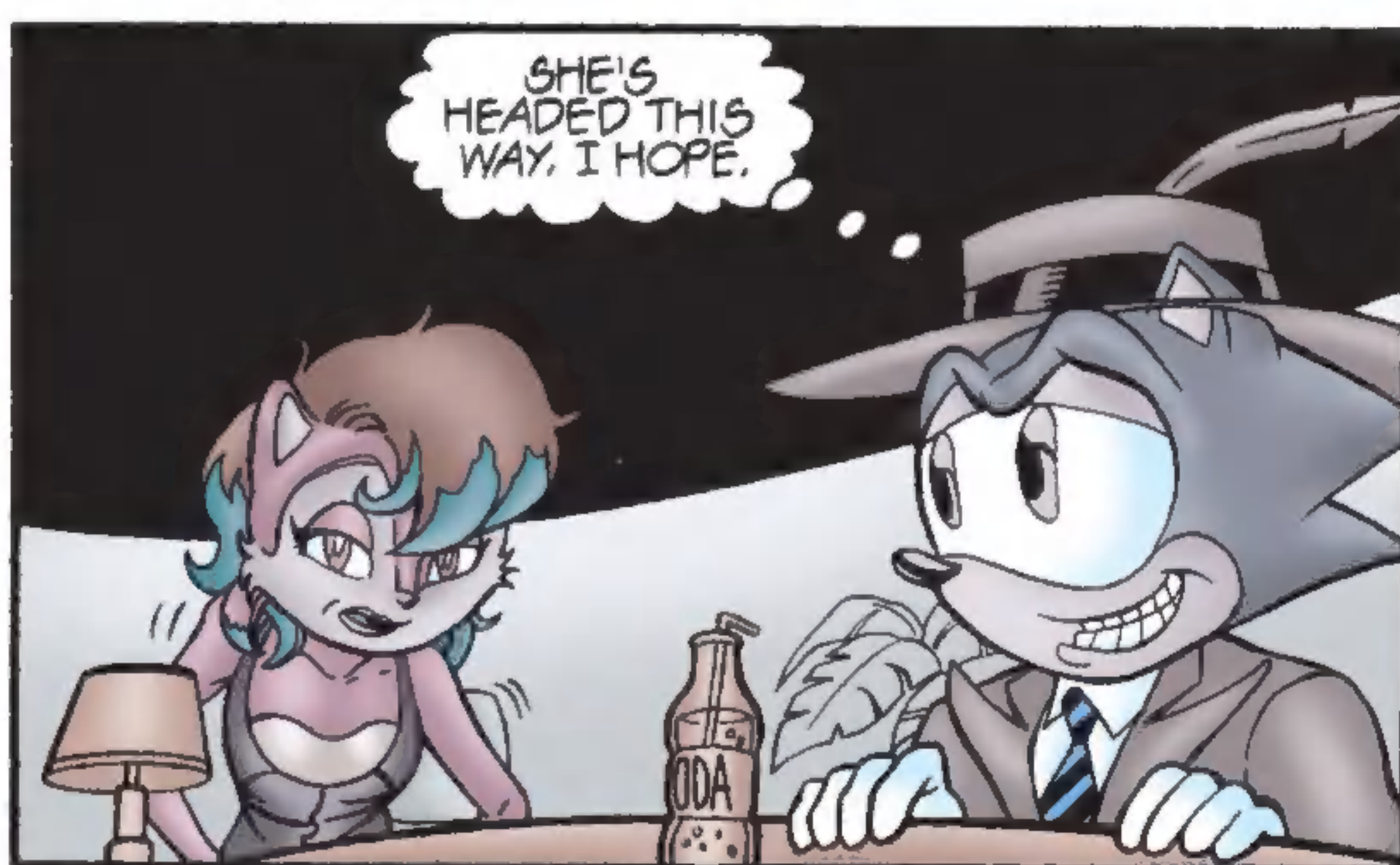
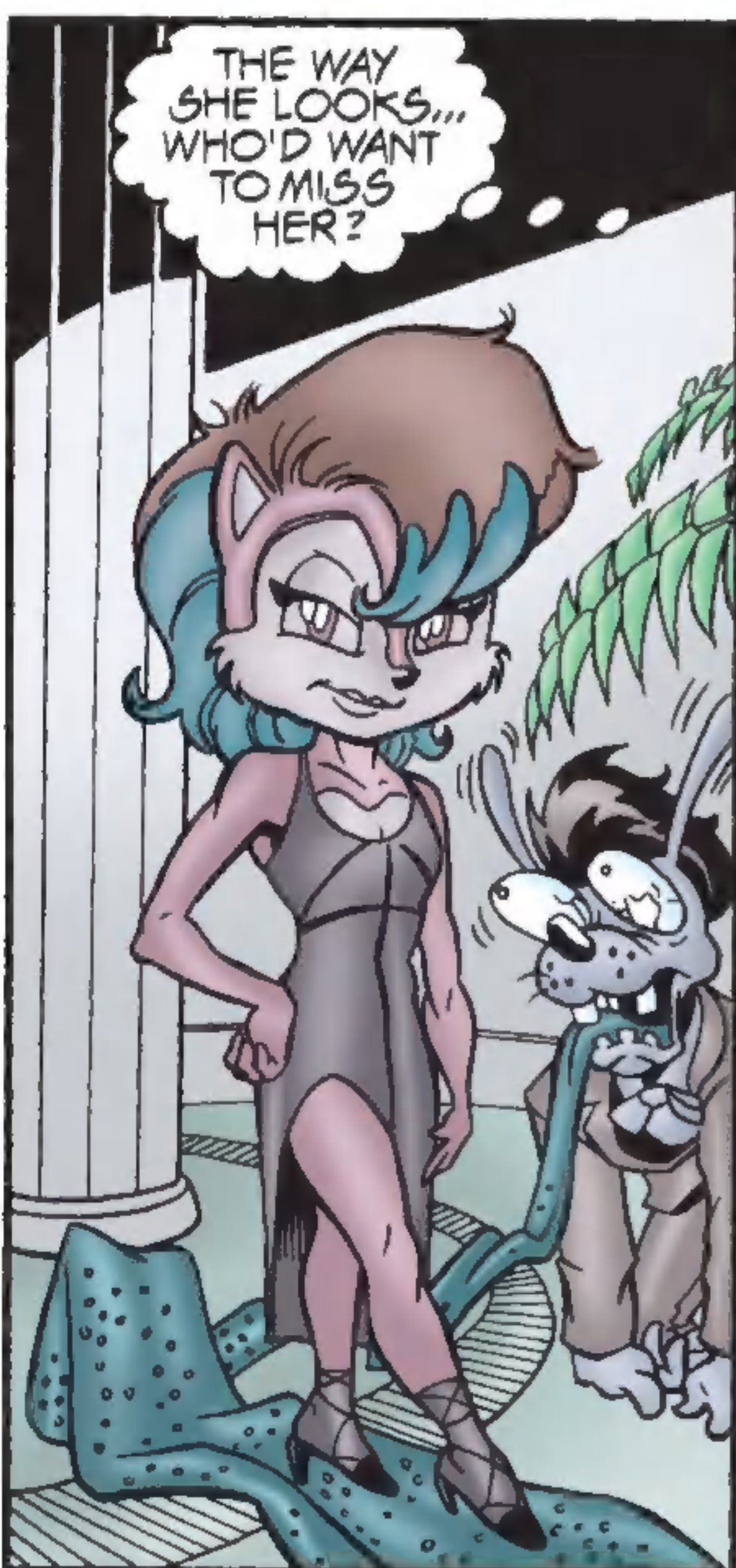
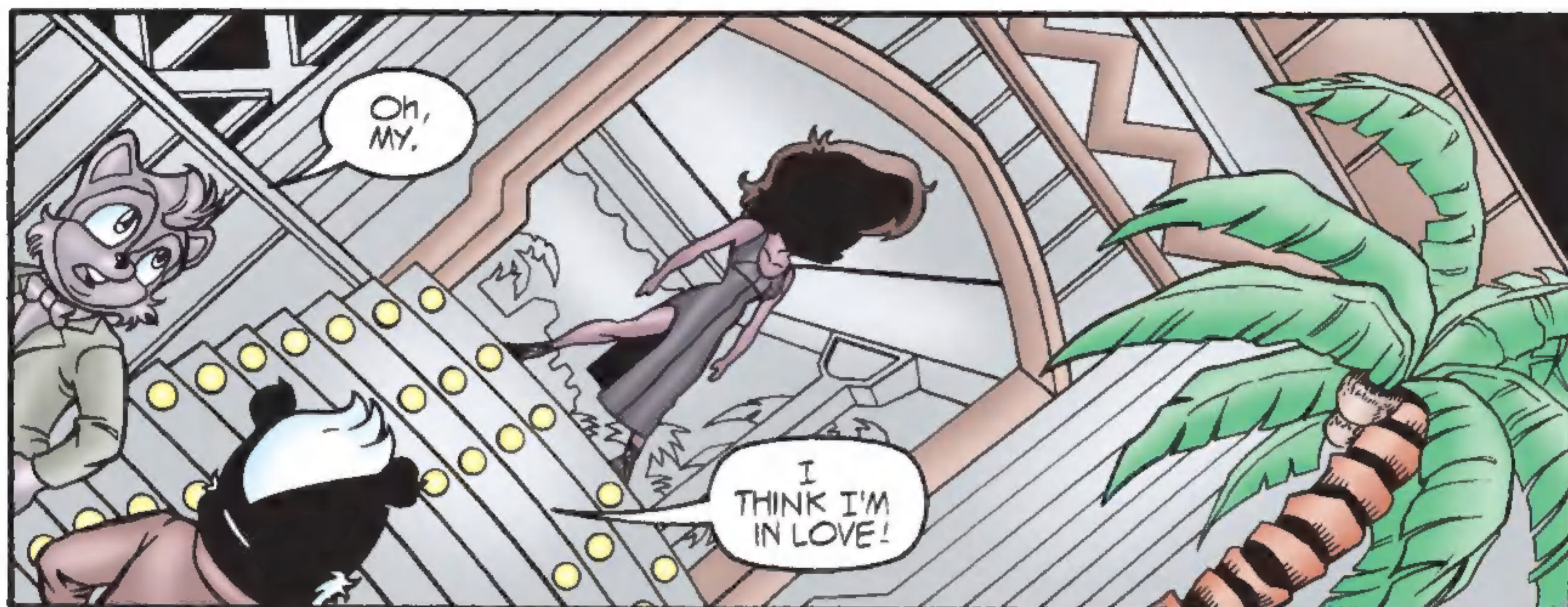
WHARF SIDE  
DANCE HALL

NO  
ROBOTS



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I KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS THE POWER AND INFORMATION TO RID MOBIUS OF THAT HORRIBLE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK FOREVER...

...AND STOP HIM FROM TURNING GOOD PEOPLE INTO ROBOT SLAVES.



UH, I'M LISTENING CONTINUE, PLEASE.



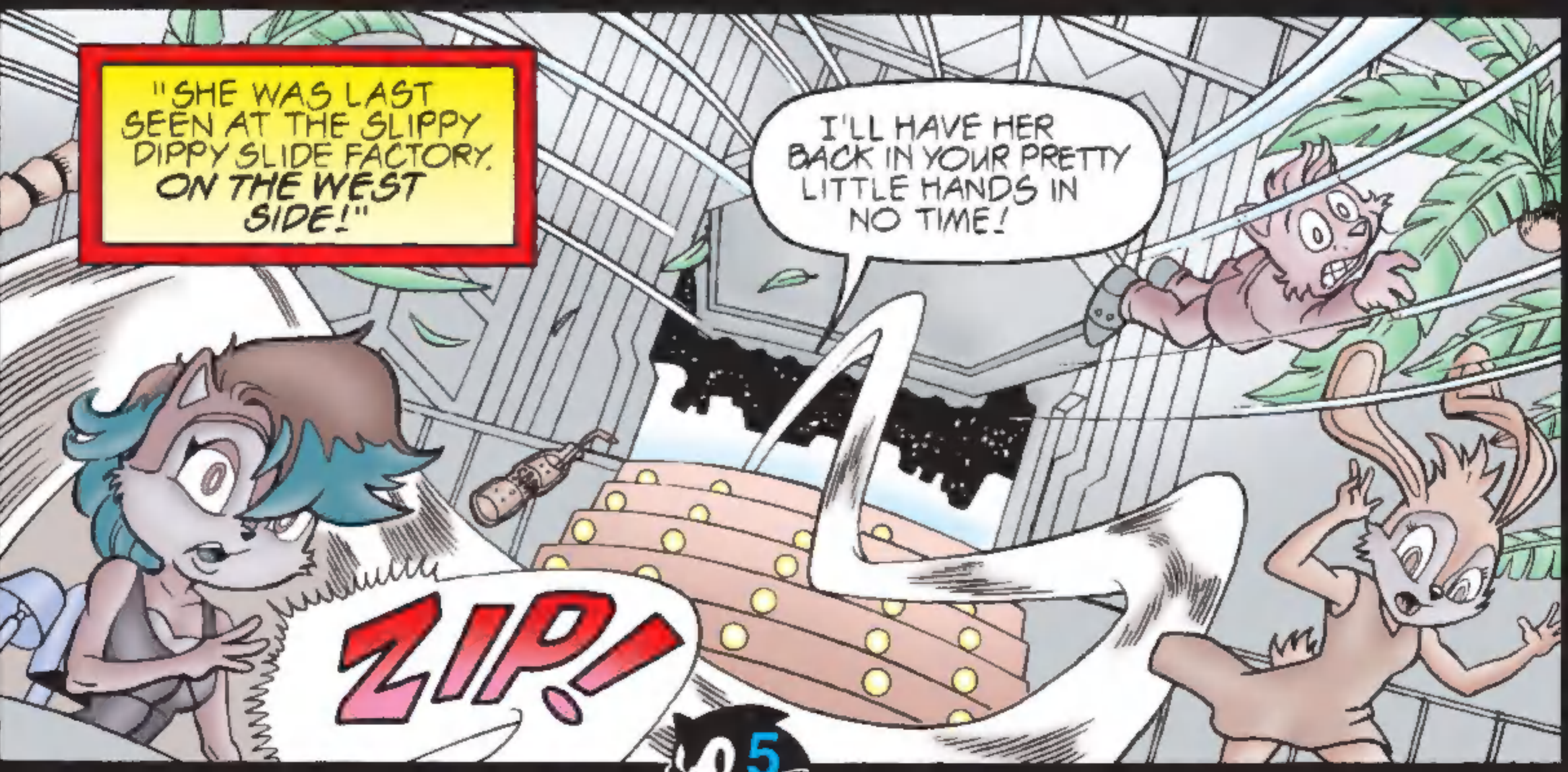
ALL SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO DO IS FIND MY FRIEND NICOLE...

...BRING HER BACK TO ME...



...AND COLLECT A NICE, BIG, JUICY REWARD.

YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A MAN!



"SHE WAS LAST SEEN AT THE SLIPPY DIPPY SLIDE FACTORY, ON THE WEST SIDE!"

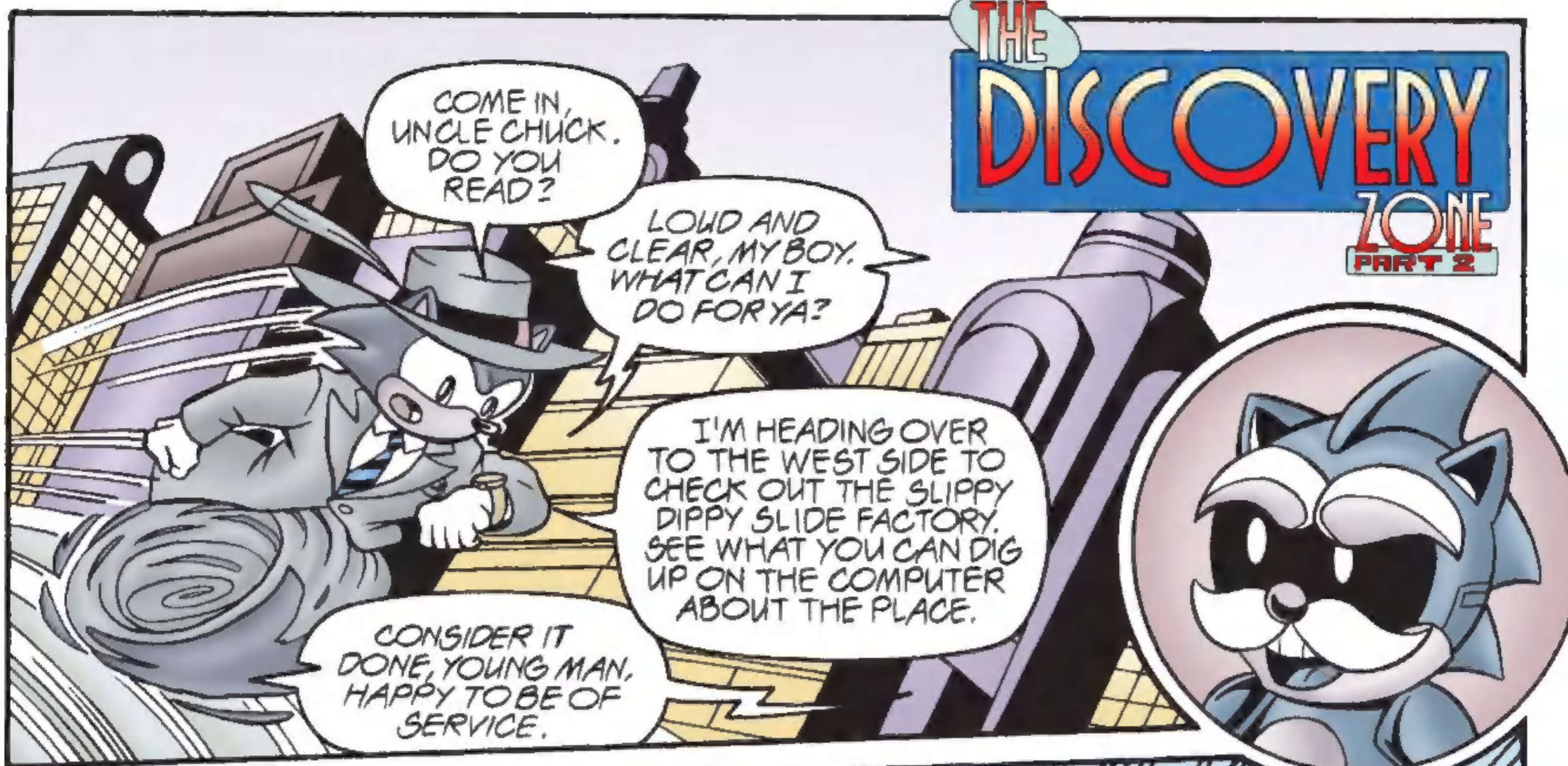
I'LL HAVE HER BACK IN YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HANDS IN NO TIME!

**ZIP!**

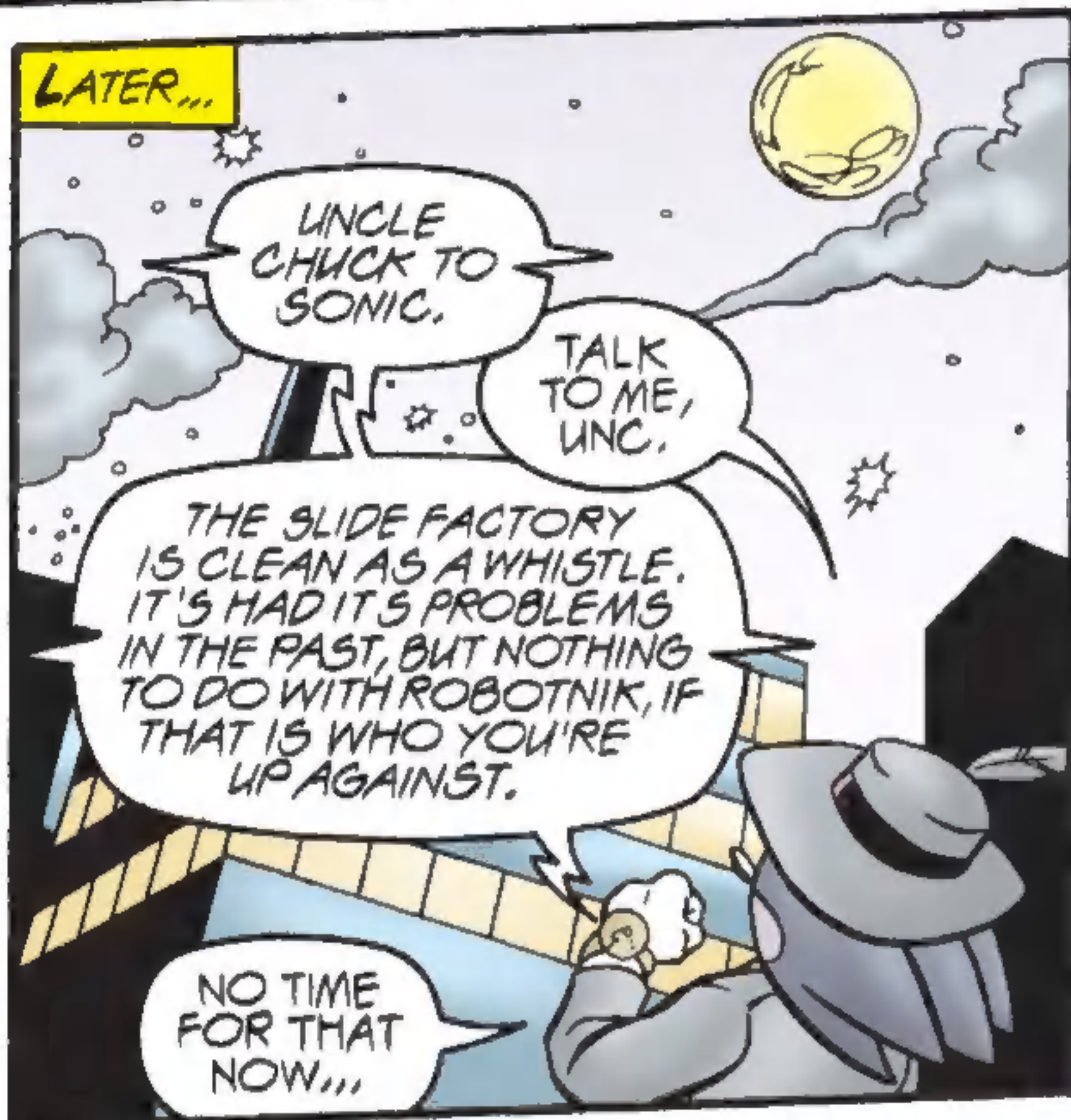


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PART 2



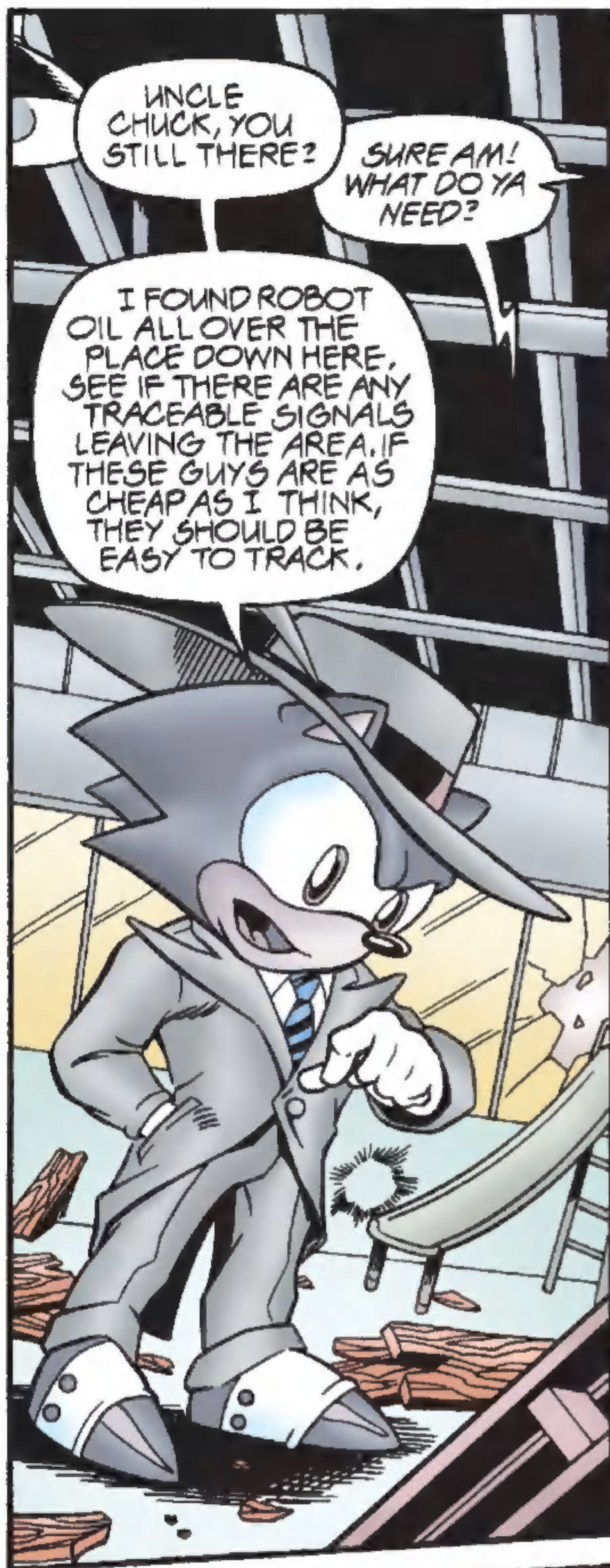
LATER...



YOU DON'T USE THIS TYPE OF OIL IN MAKING SLIDES. THIS IS ROBOT OIL, AND I KNOW THERE'S ONLY ONE FAT MAN WHO WOULD SEND OIL-DRIPPIN' JUNK PILES TO DO HIS DIRTY WORK.



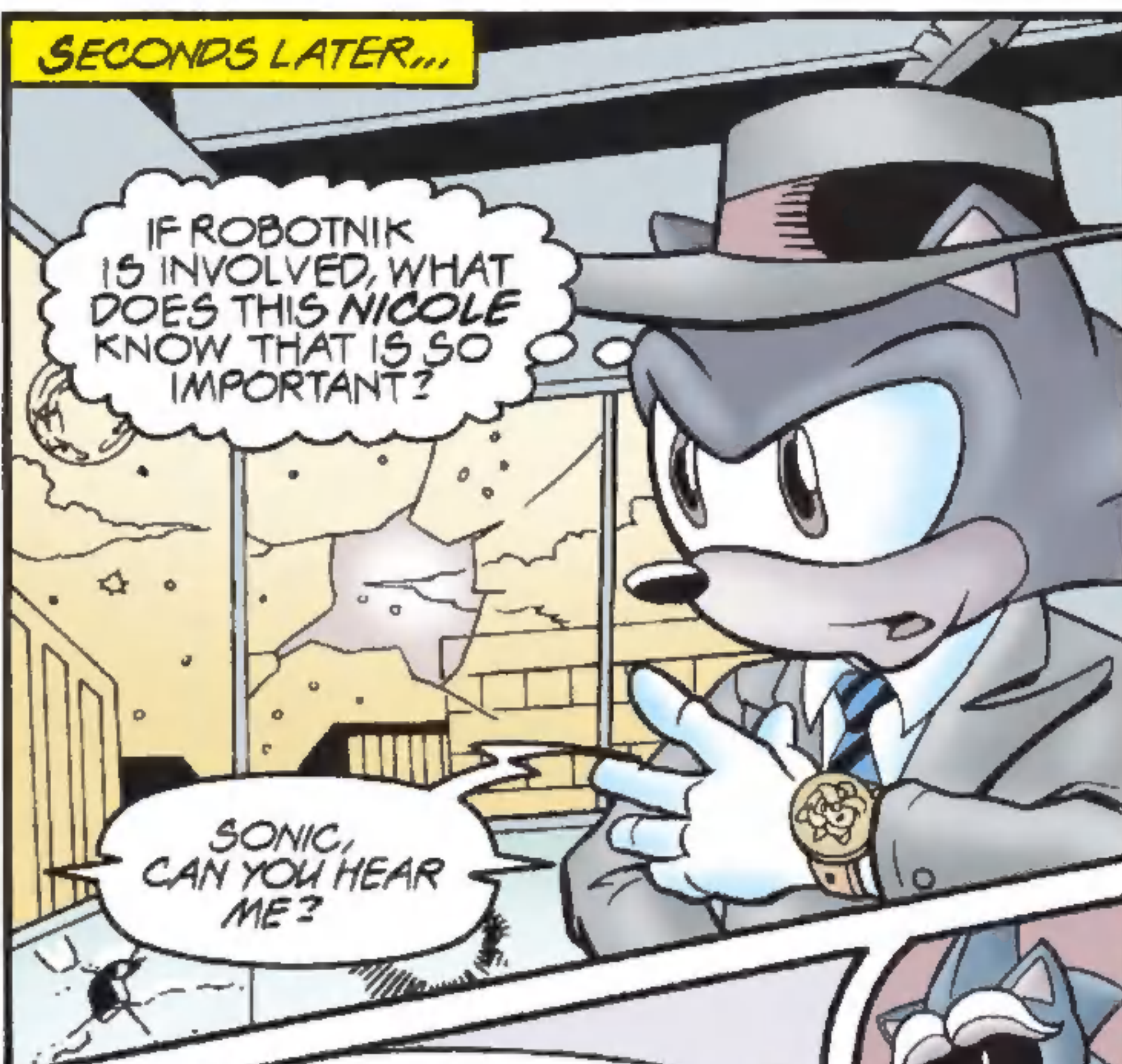




UNCLE  
CHUCK, YOU  
STILL THERE?

SURE AM!  
WHAT DO YA  
NEED?

I FOUND ROBOT  
OIL ALL OVER THE  
PLACE DOWN HERE.  
SEE IF THERE ARE ANY  
TRACEABLE SIGNALS  
LEAVING THE AREA. IF  
THESE GUYS ARE AS  
CHEAP AS I THINK,  
THEY SHOULD BE  
EASY TO TRACK.



SECONDS LATER...

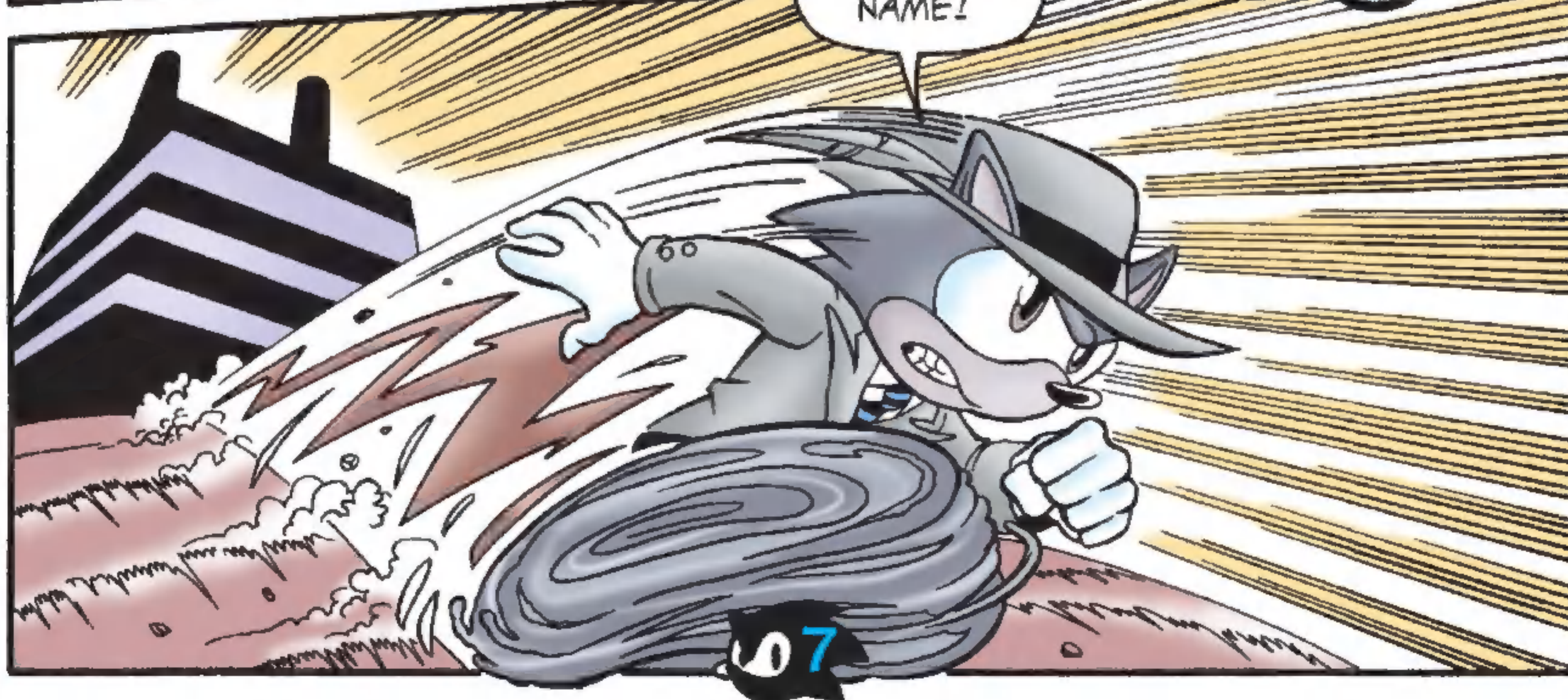
IF ROBOTNIK  
IS INVOLVED, WHAT  
DOES THIS NICOLE  
KNOW THAT IS SO  
IMPORTANT?

SONIC,  
CAN YOU HEAR  
ME?

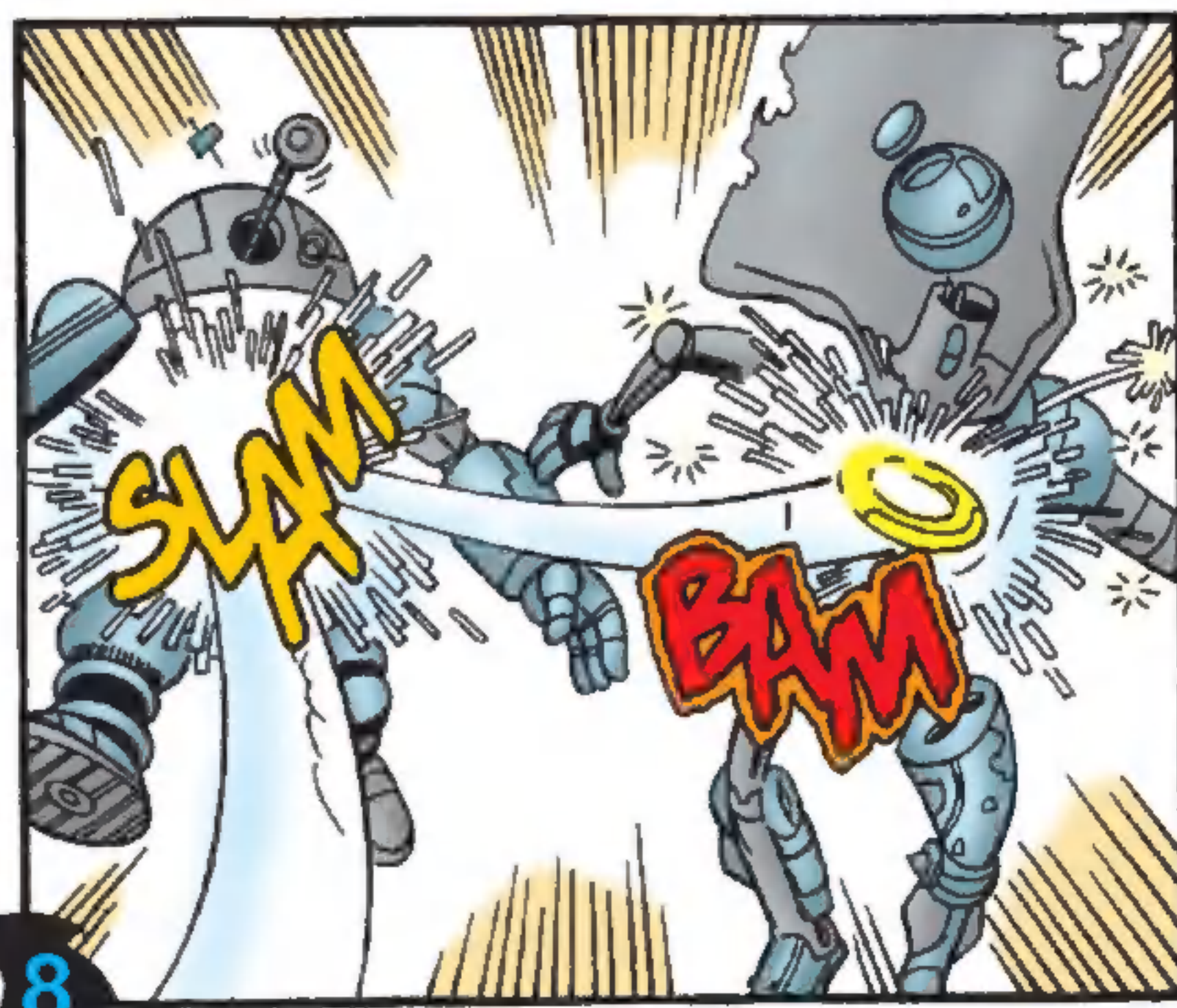
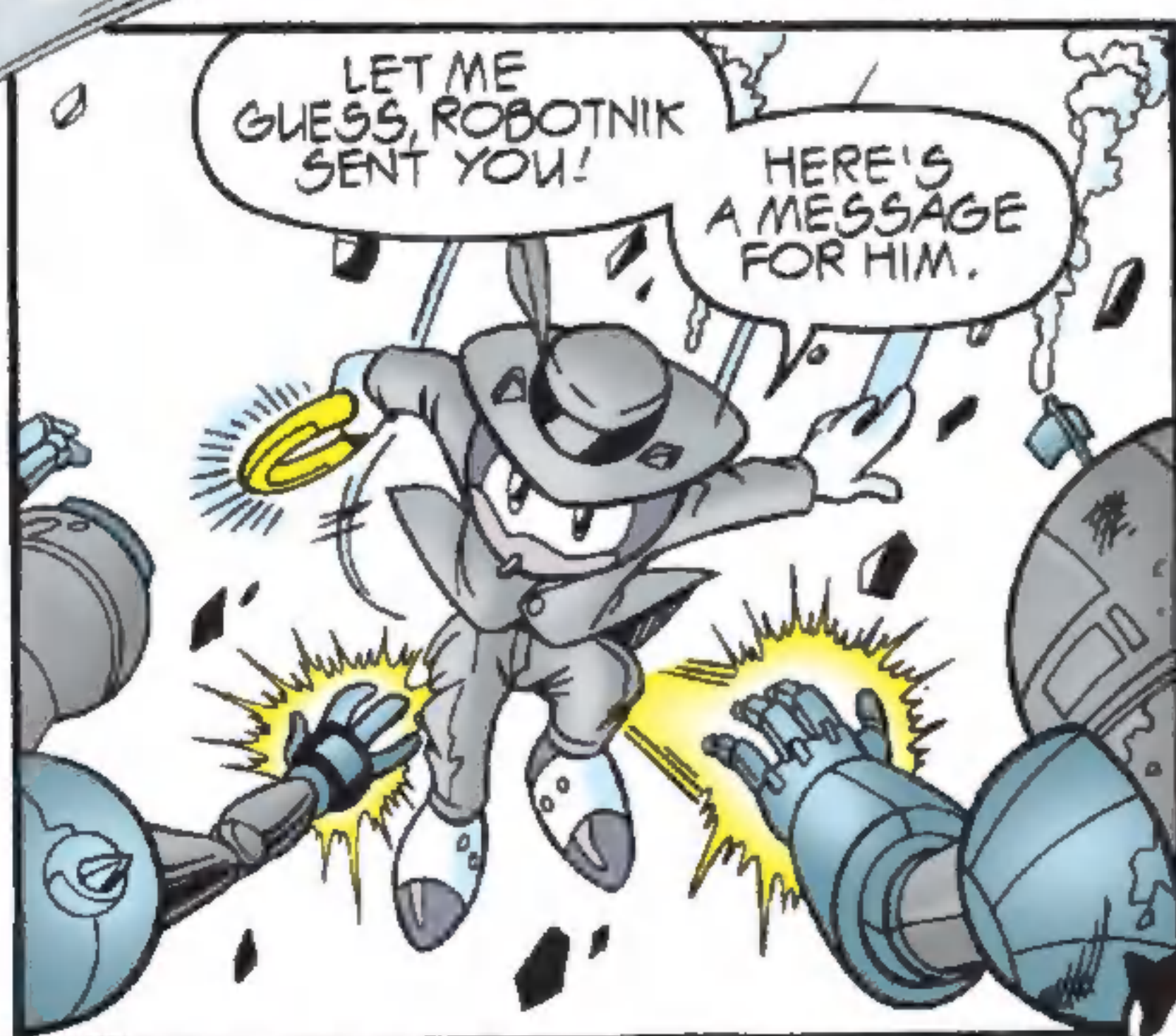
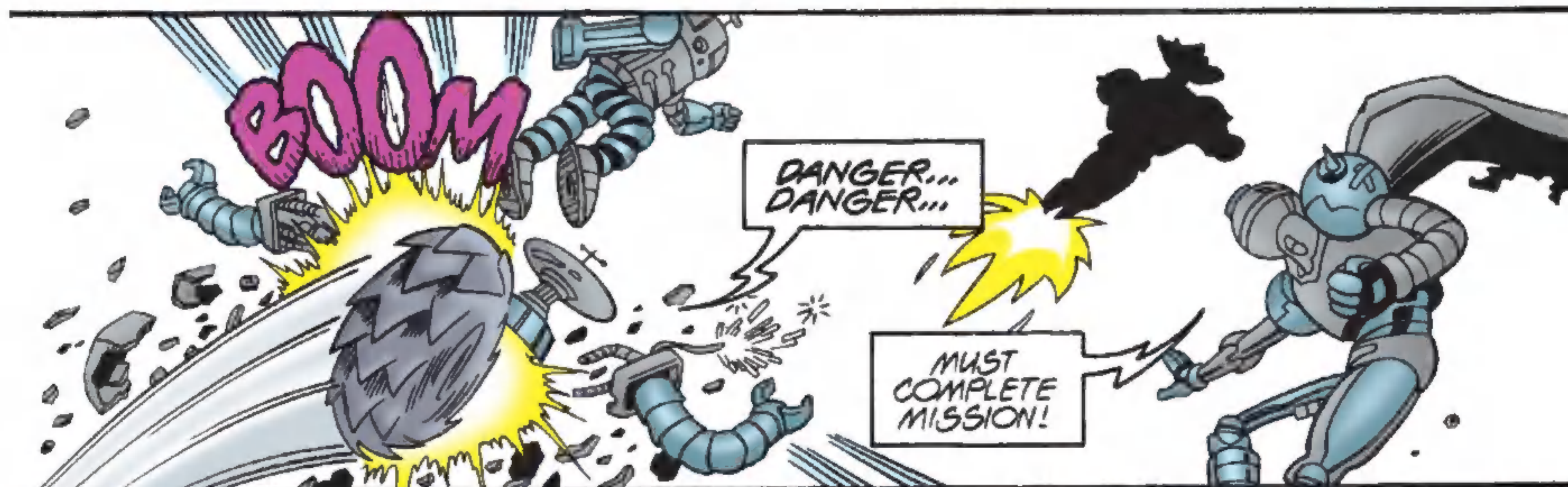
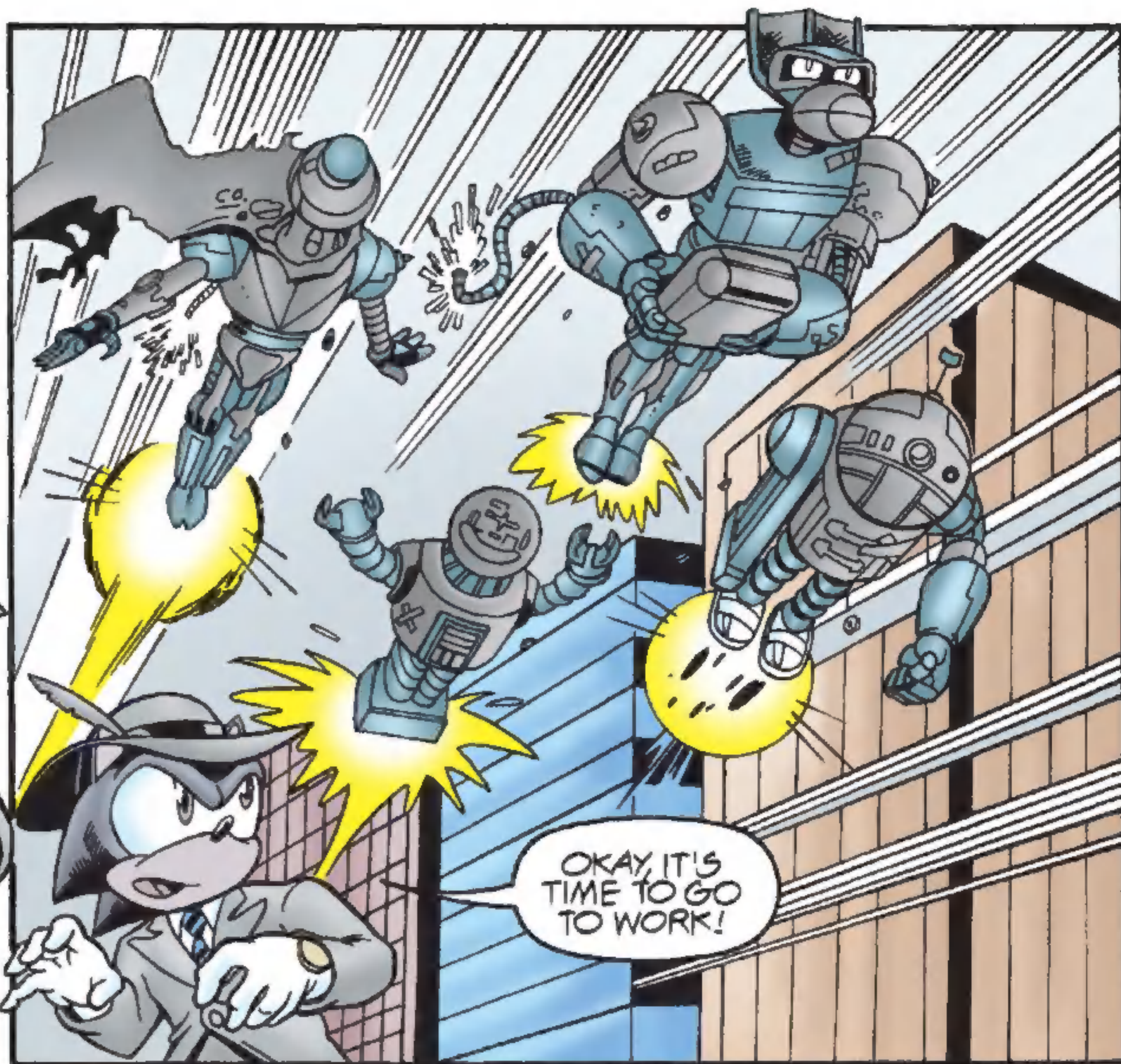


YOU WERE RIGHT!  
I'M TRACKING FOUR  
ROBOTS. THEY'RE ONLY  
A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. IF  
YOU HURRY, YOU SHOULD  
BE ABLE TO CATCH  
THEM IN TIME!

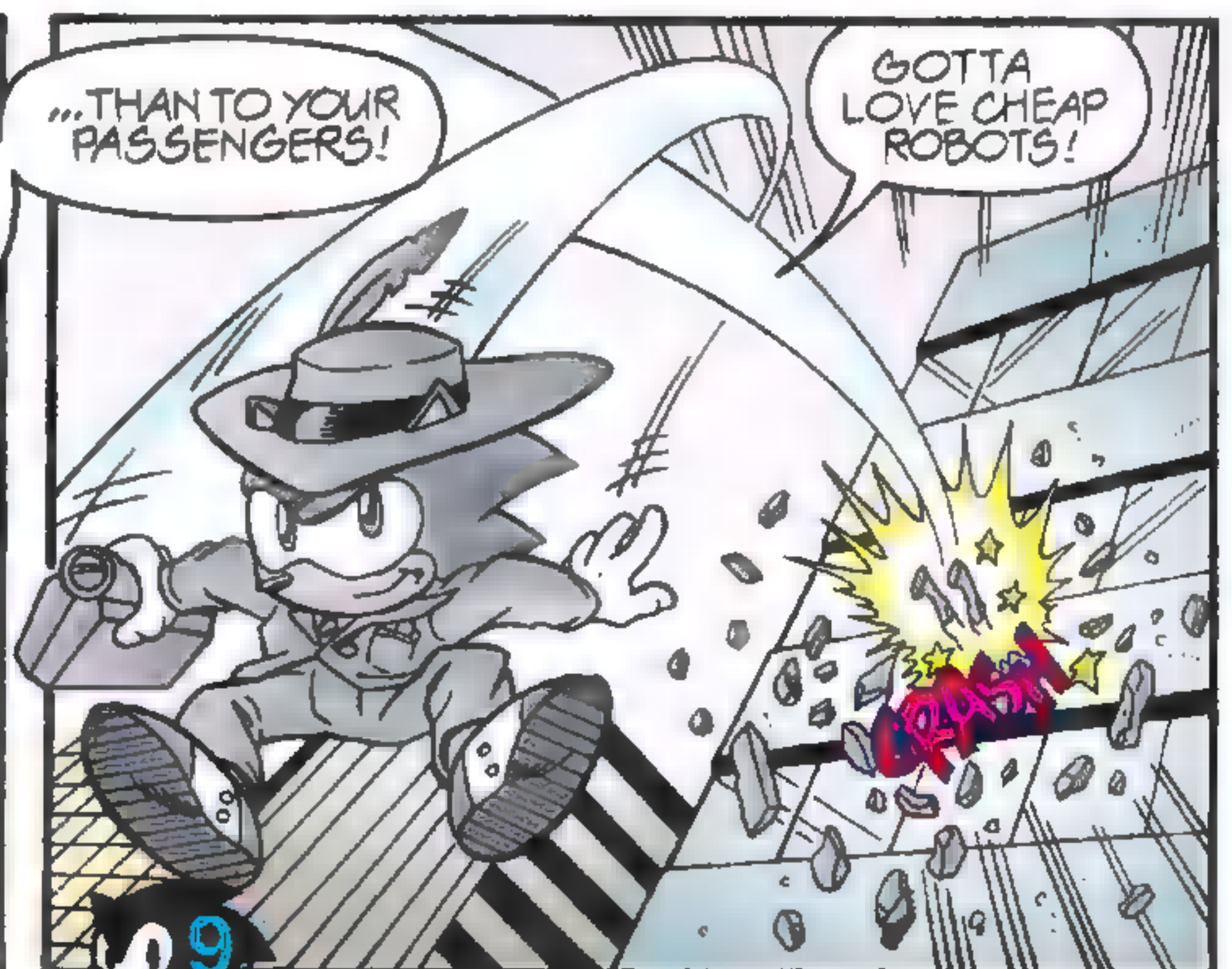
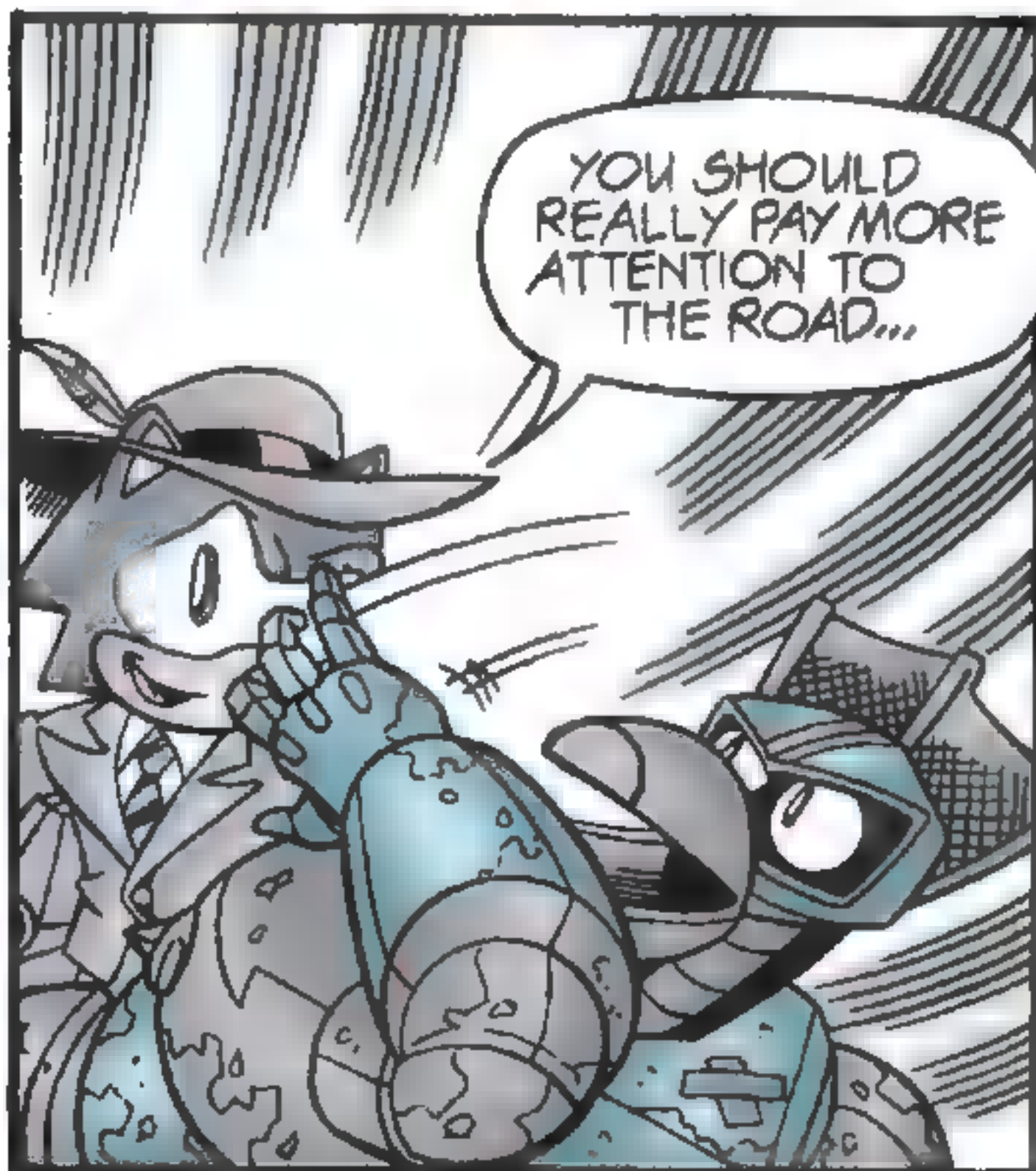
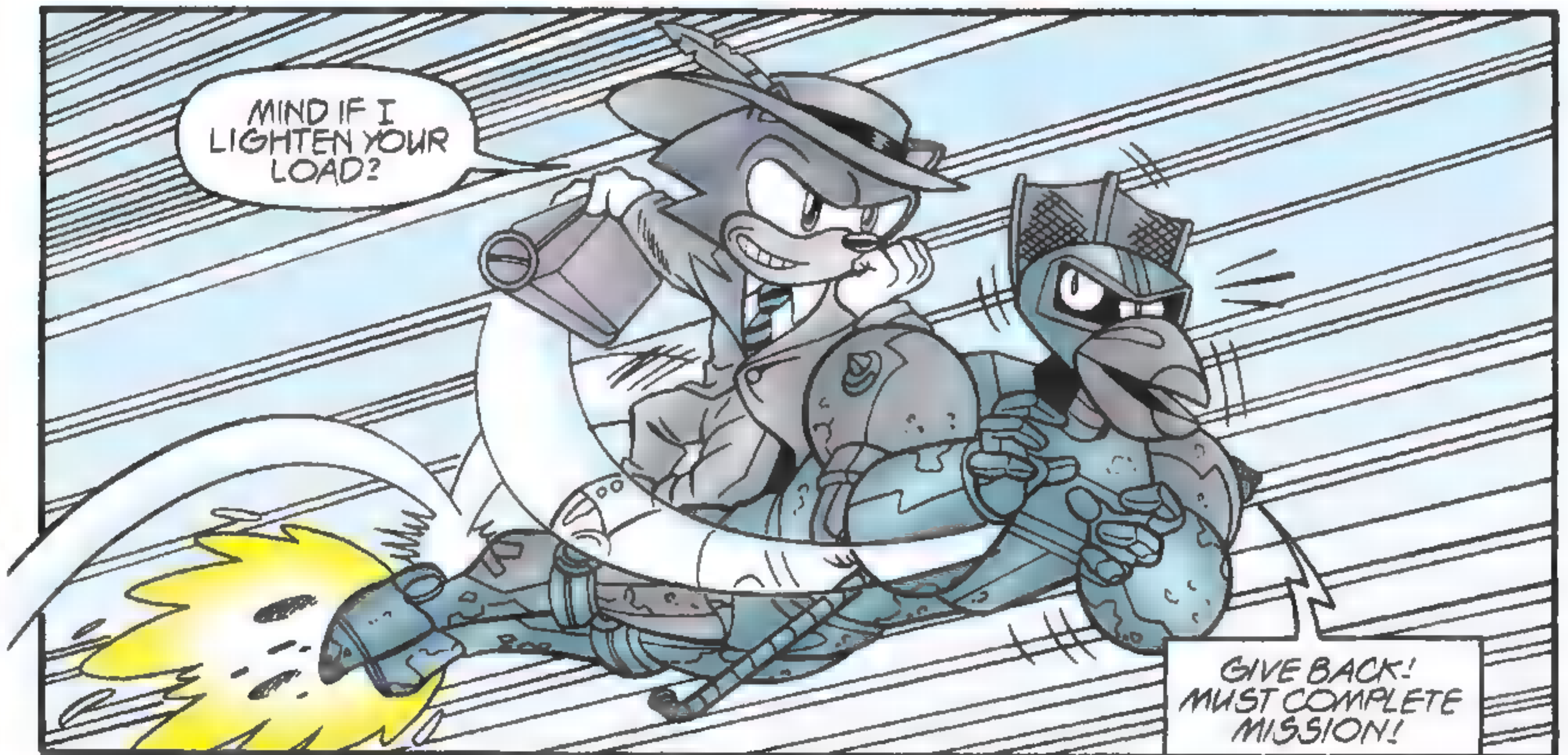
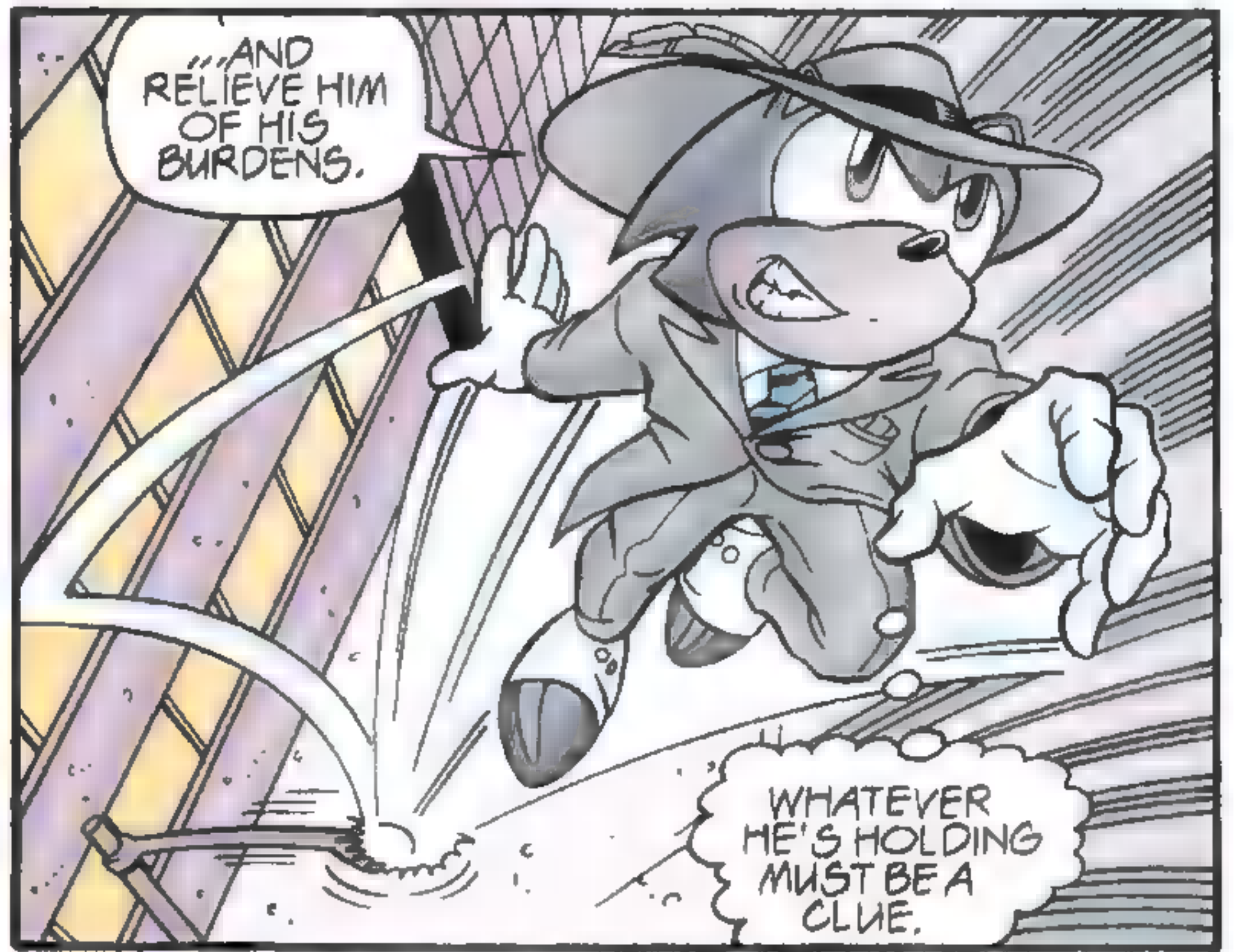
"HURRY" IS  
MY MIDDLE  
NAME!



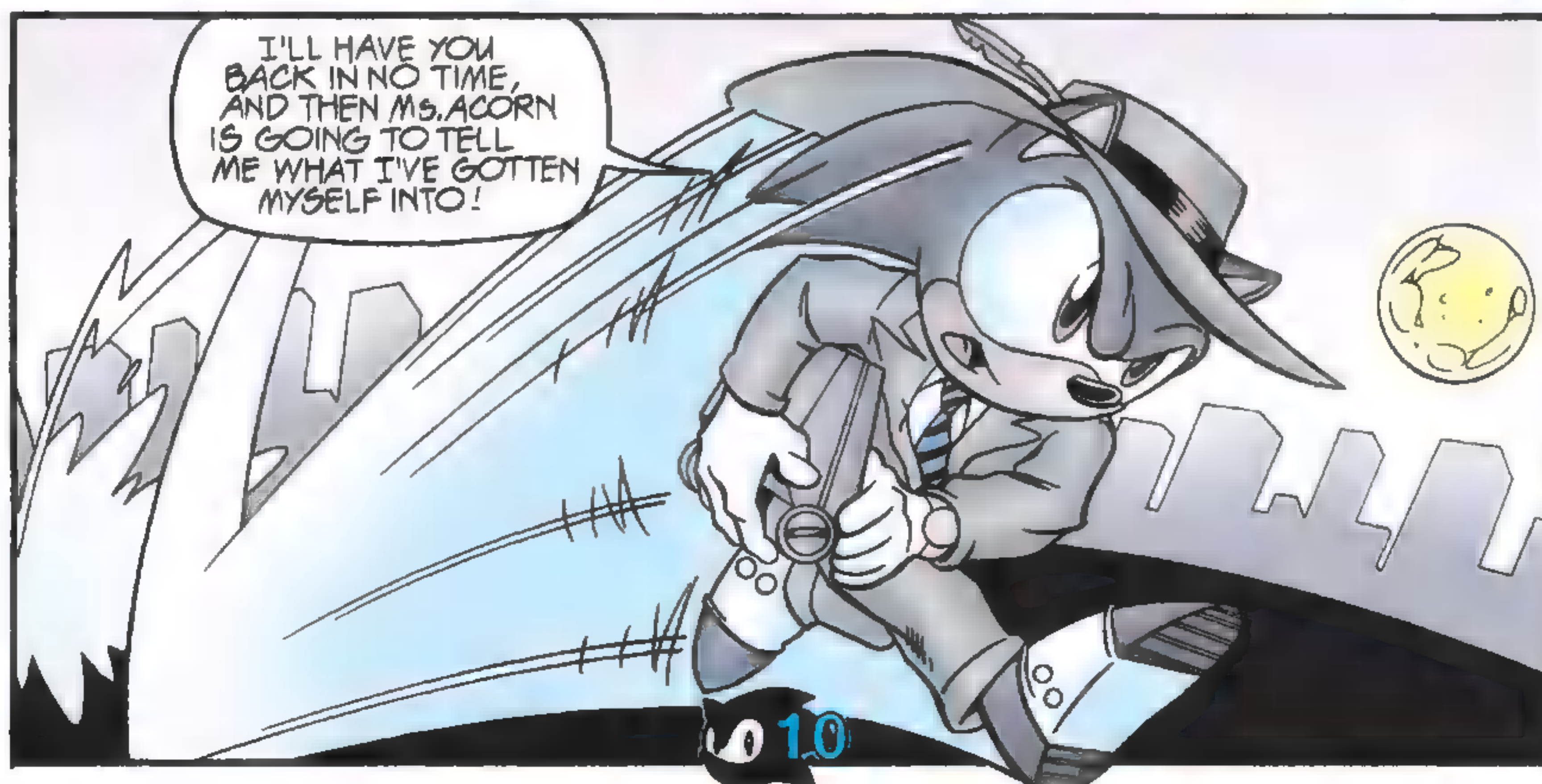
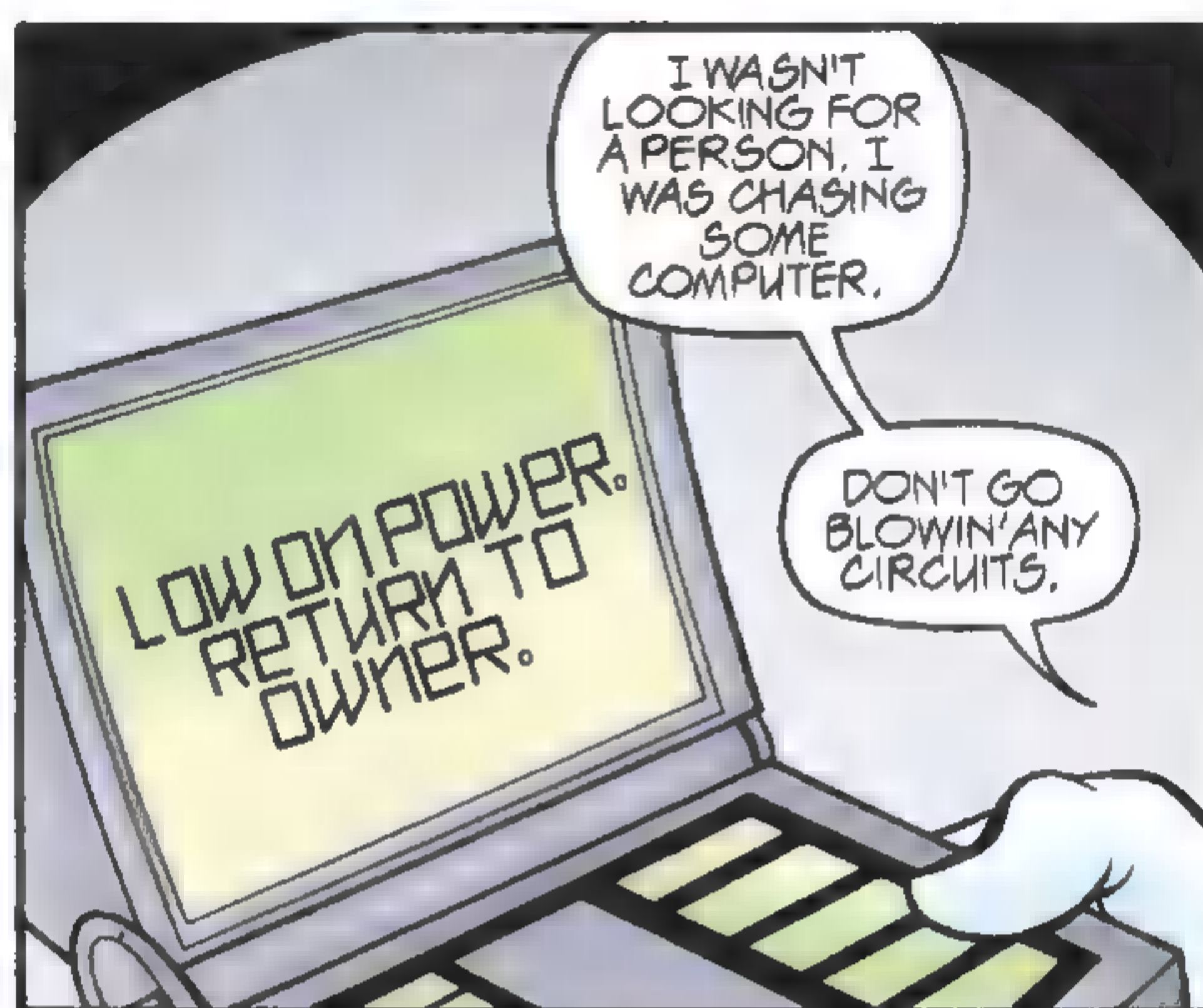






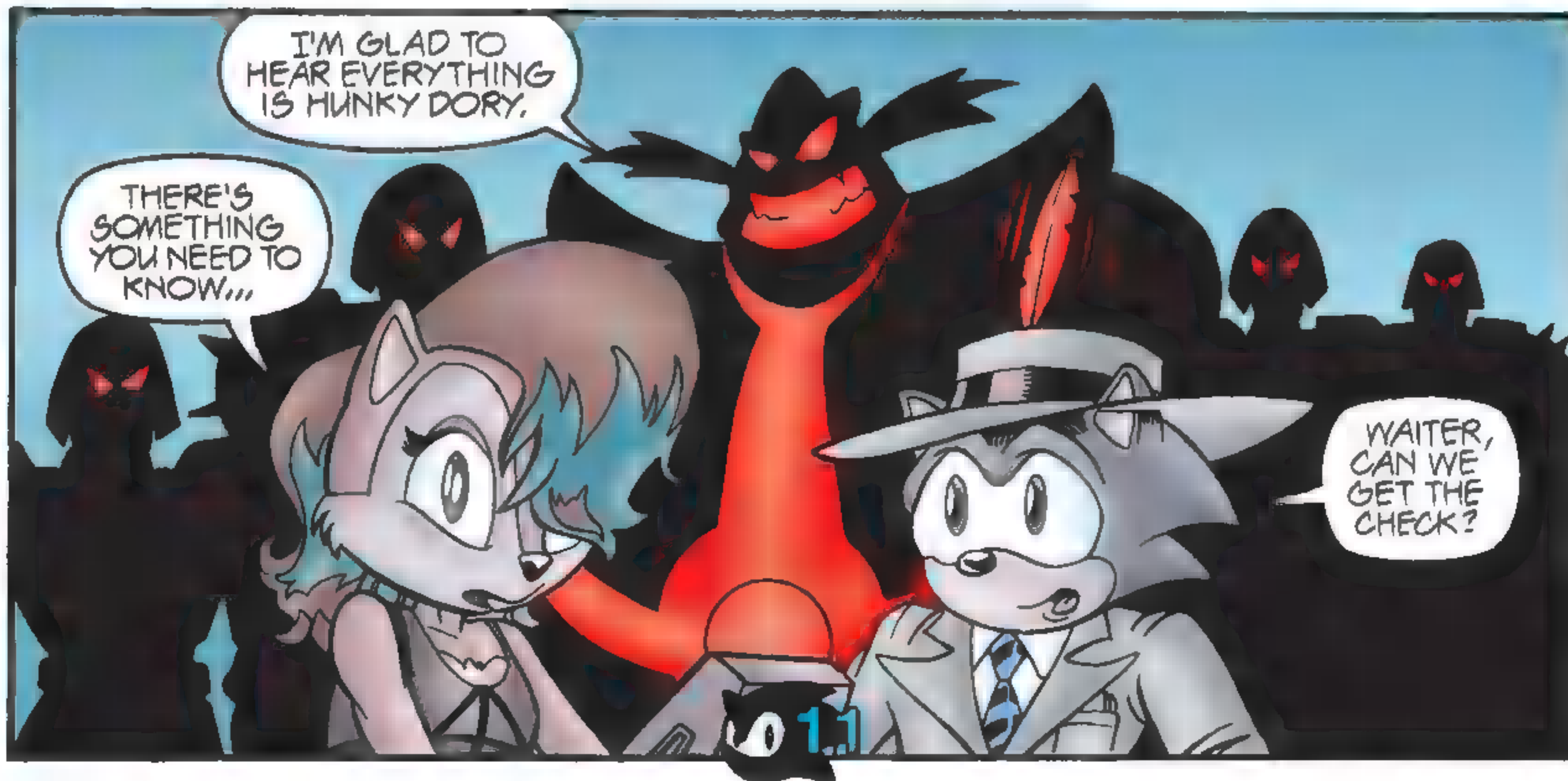
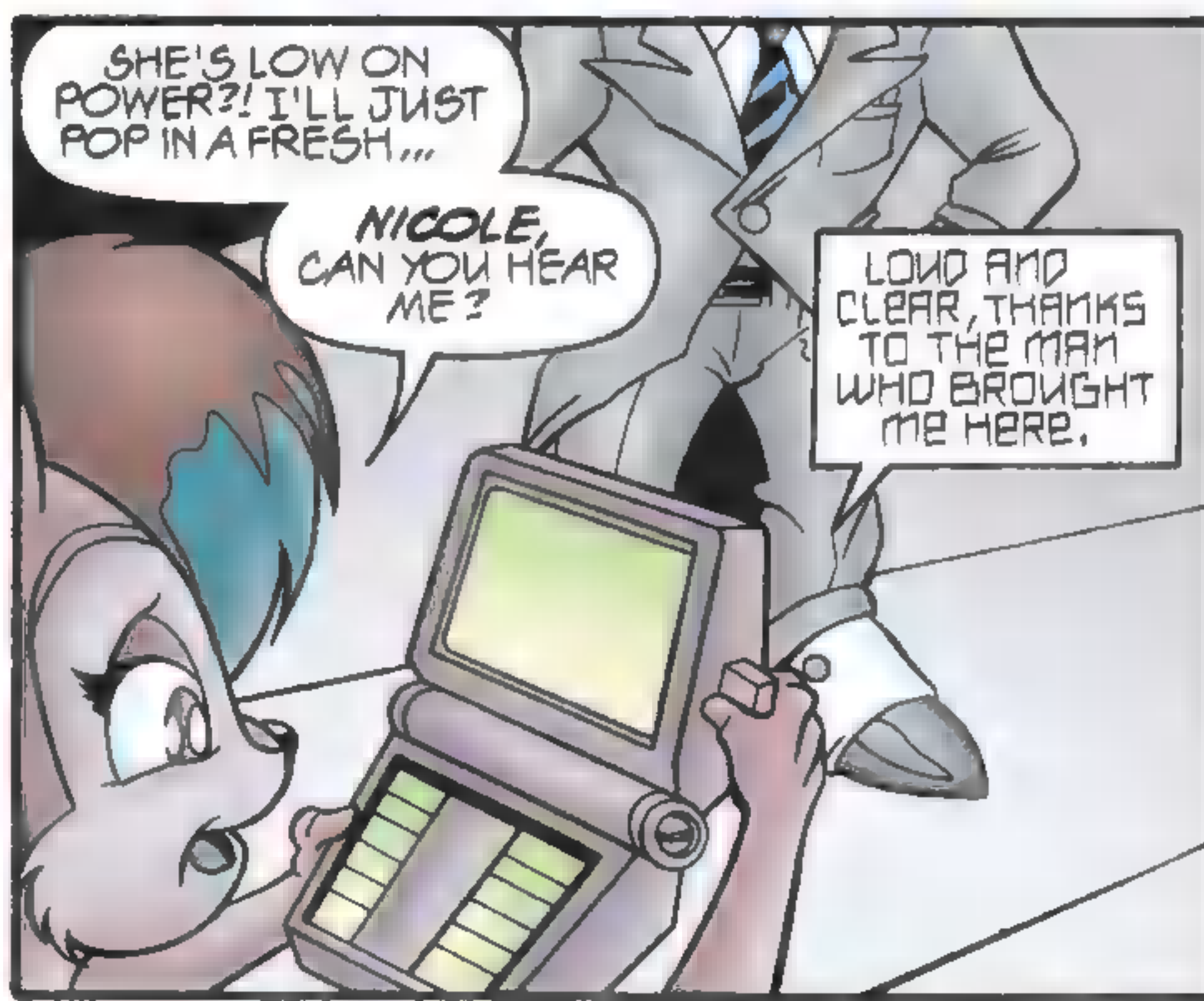
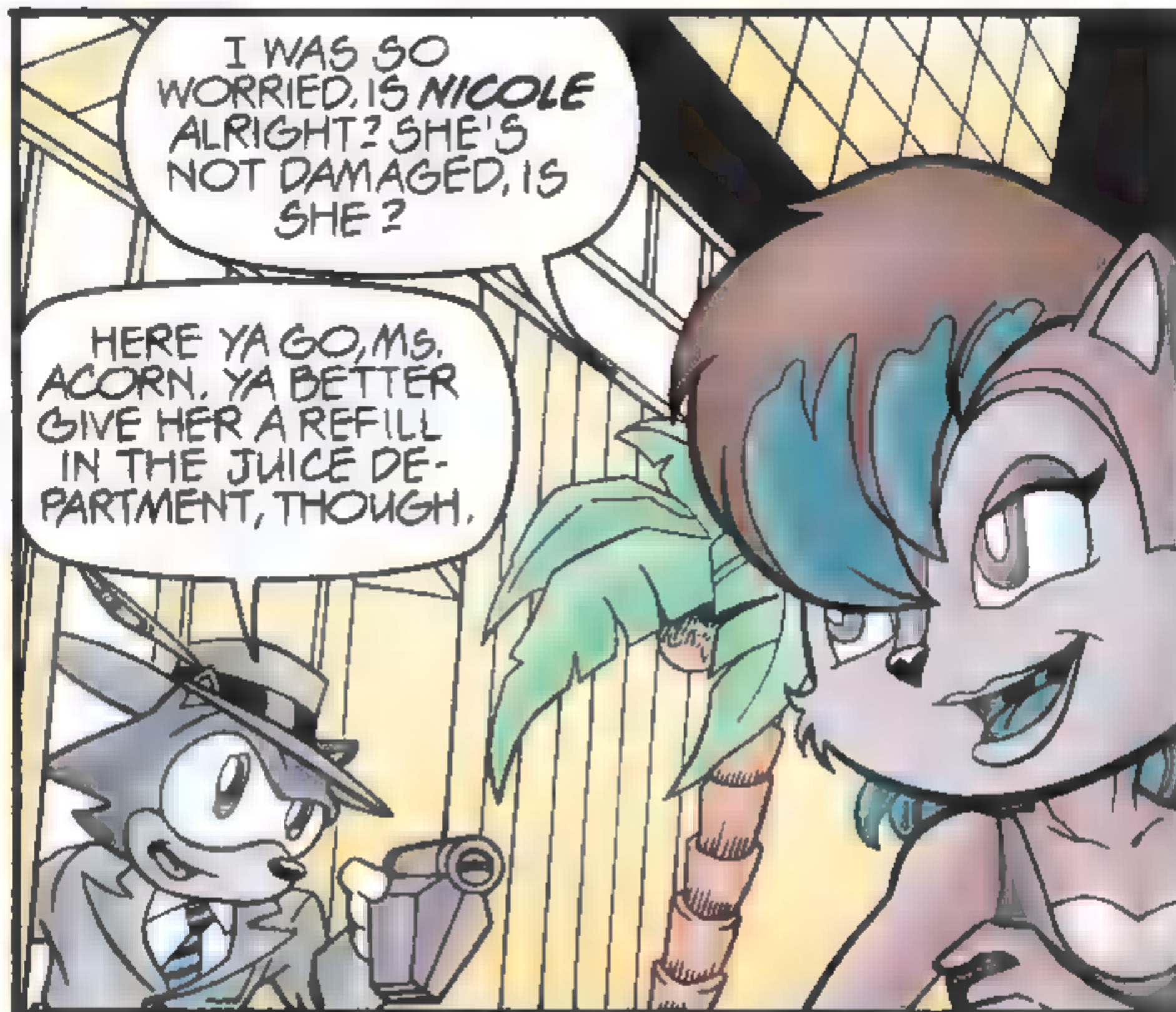
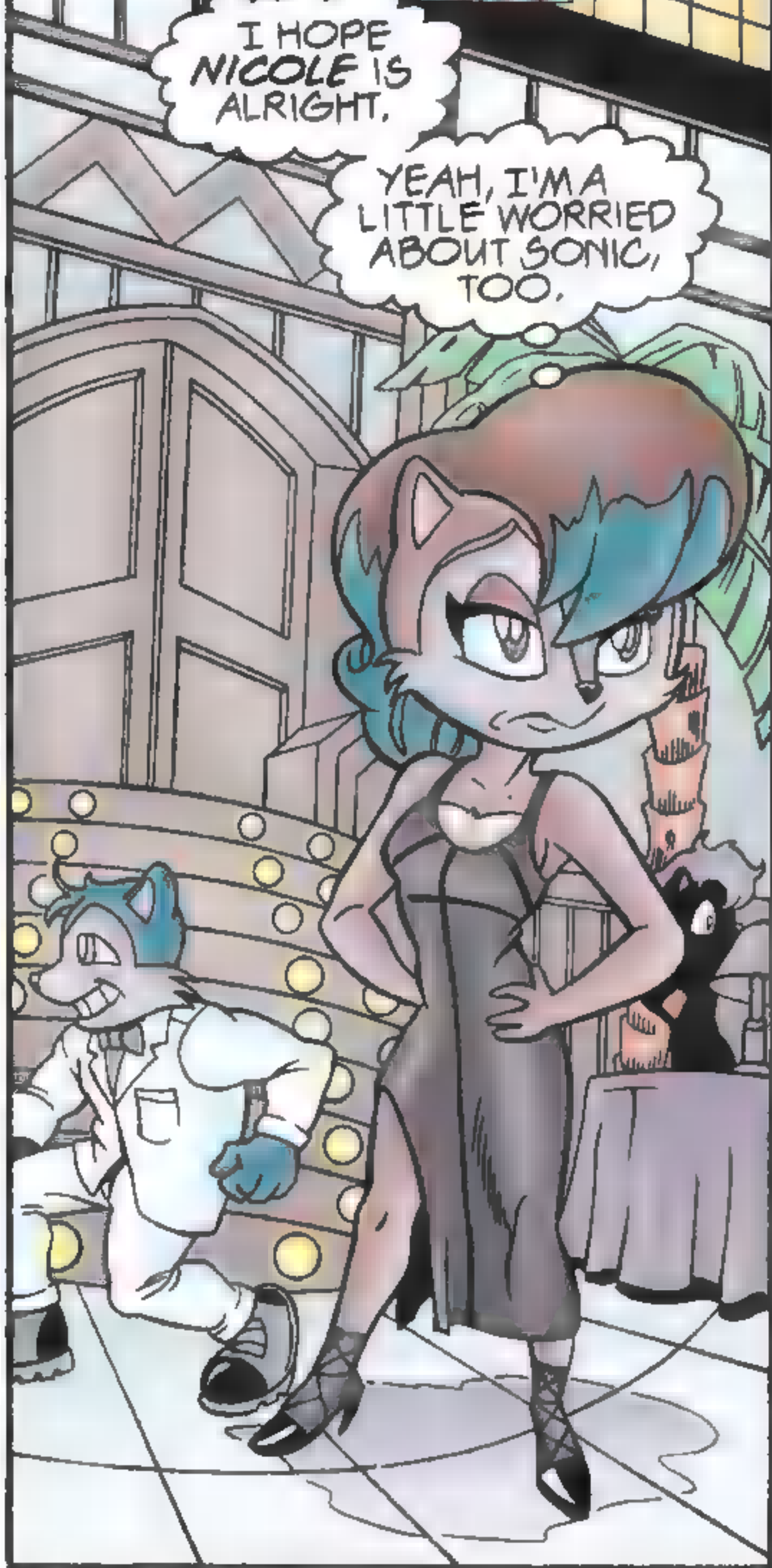




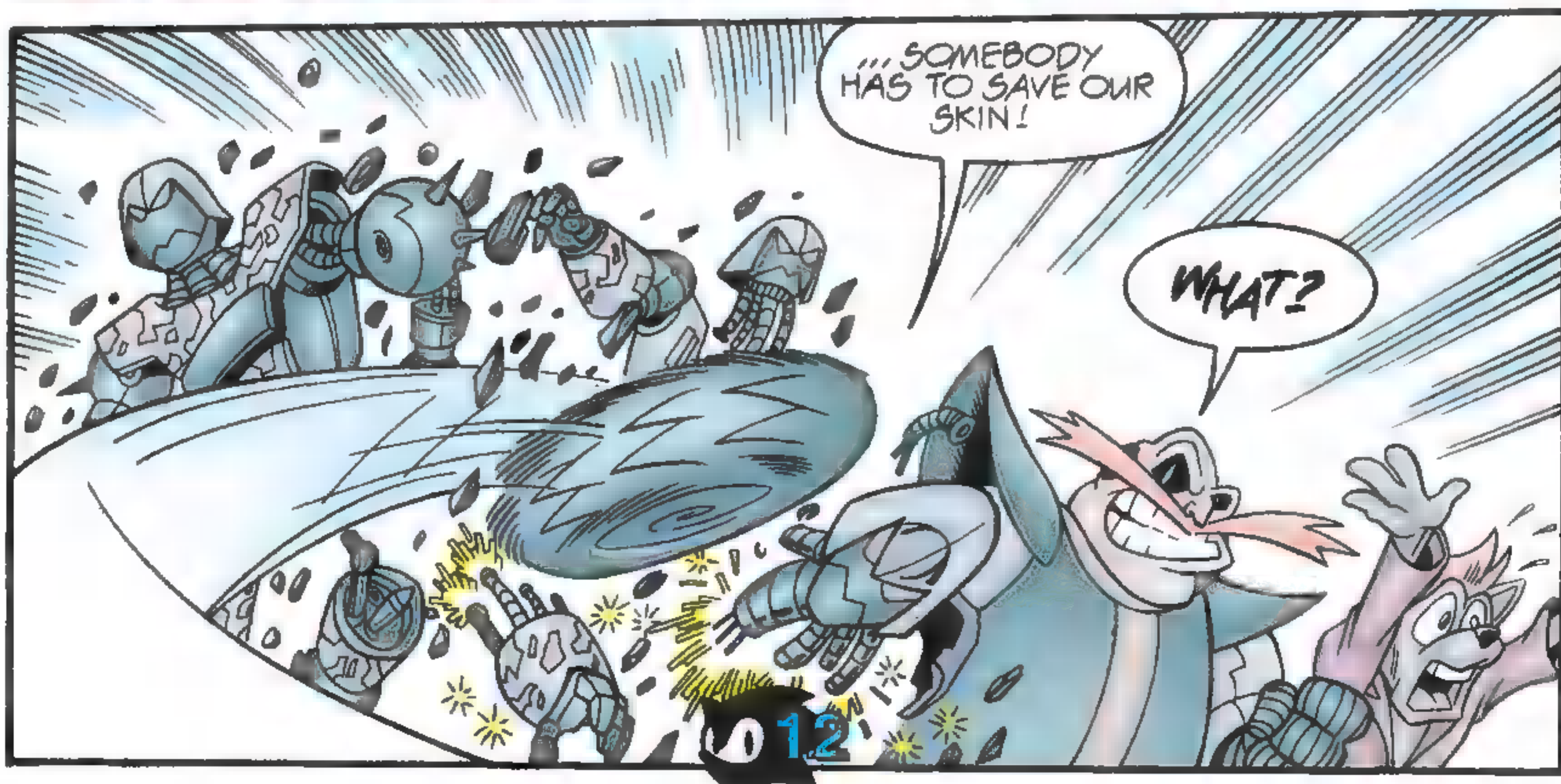
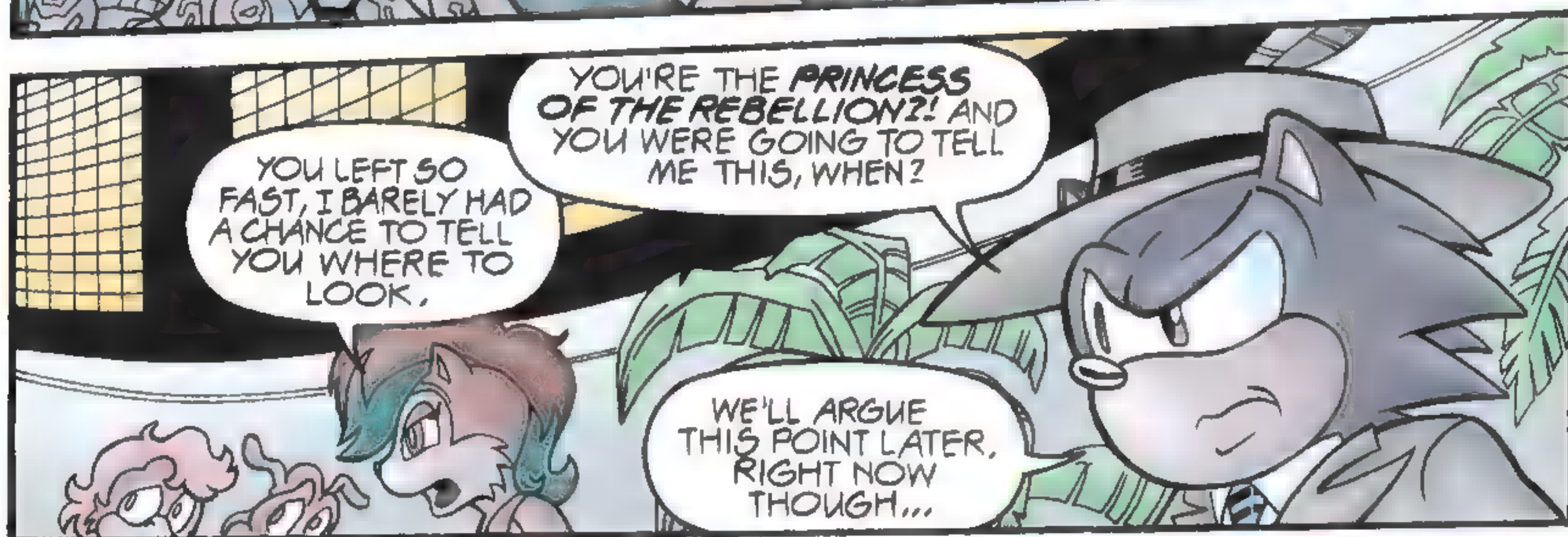
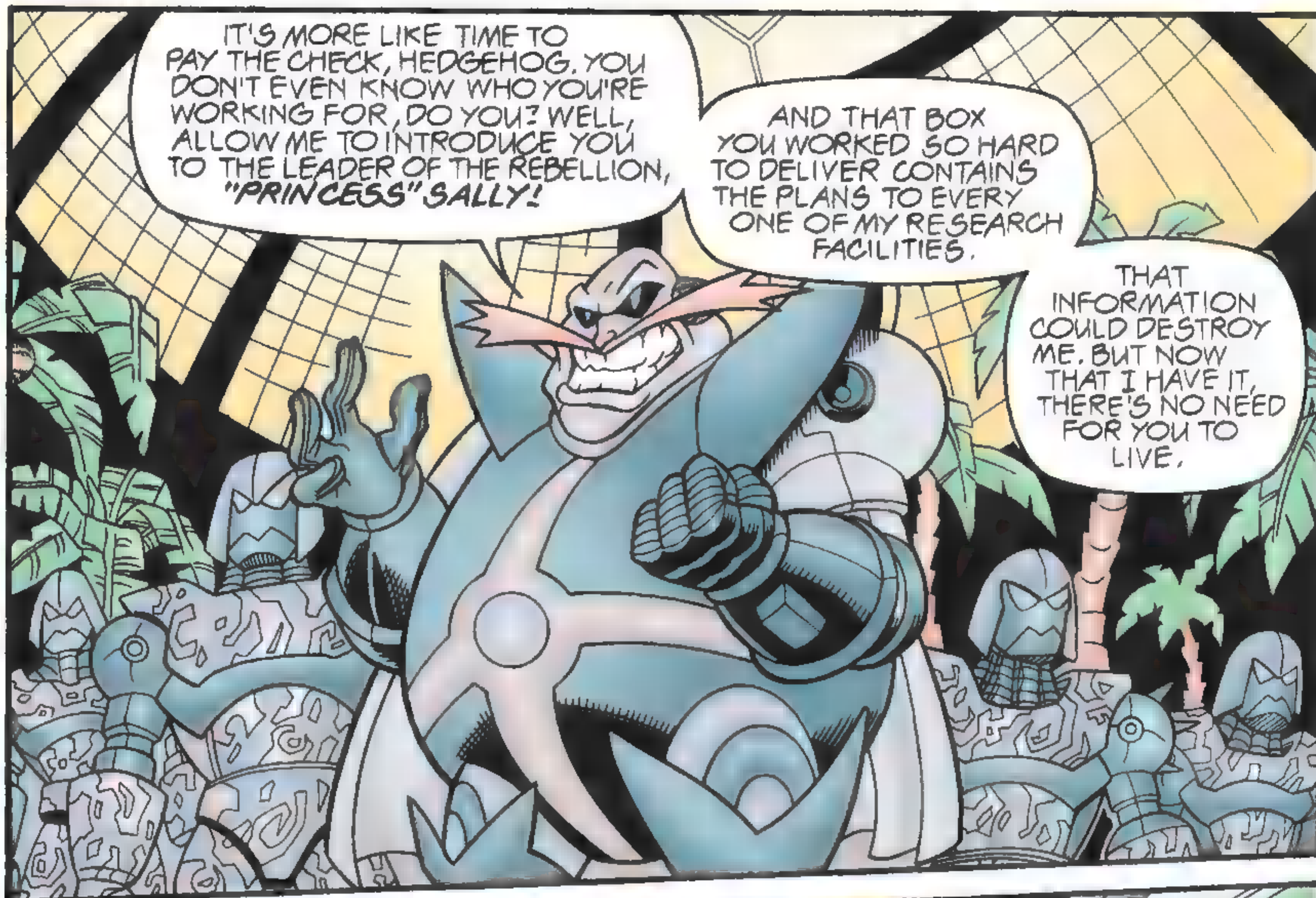




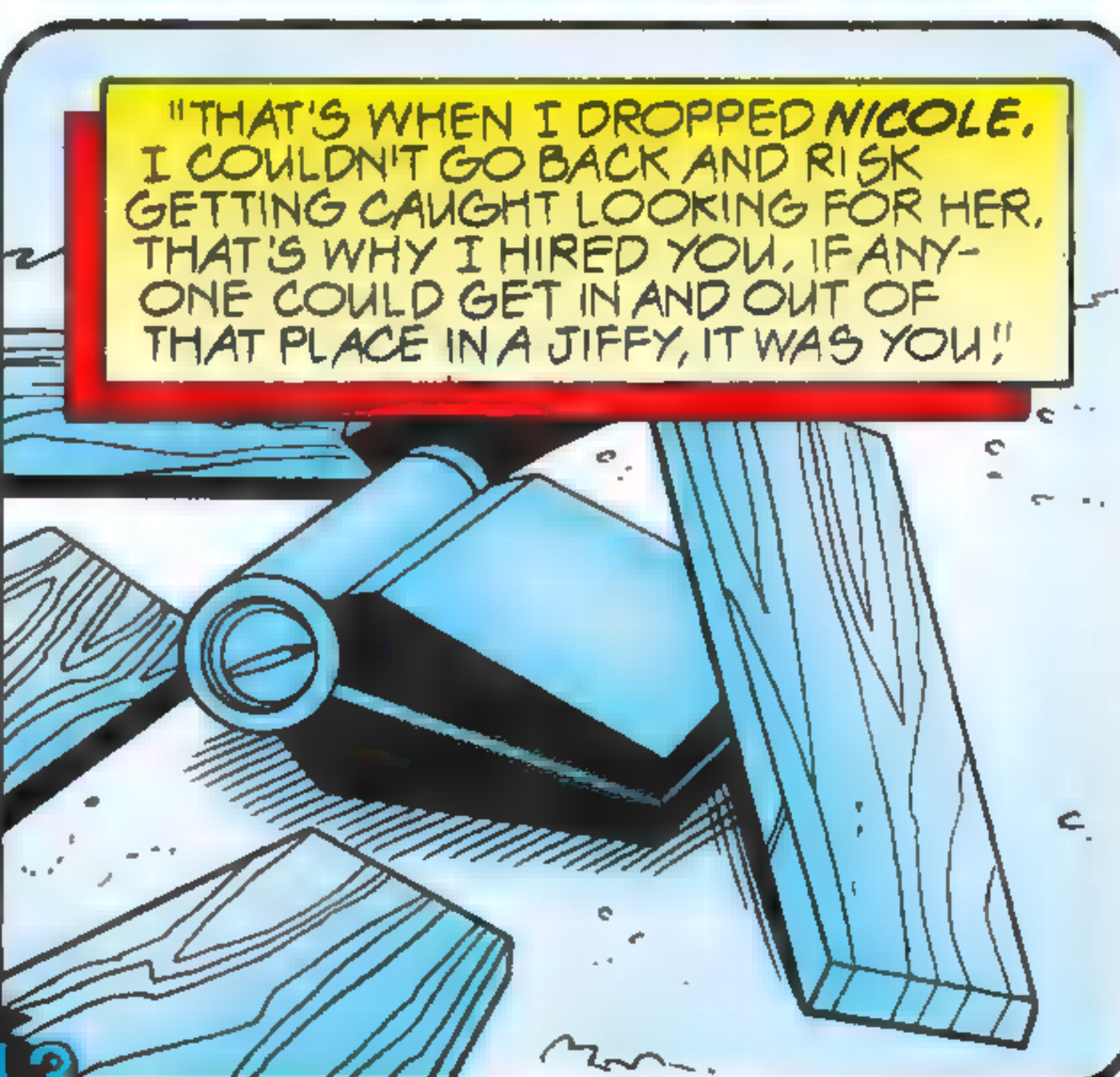
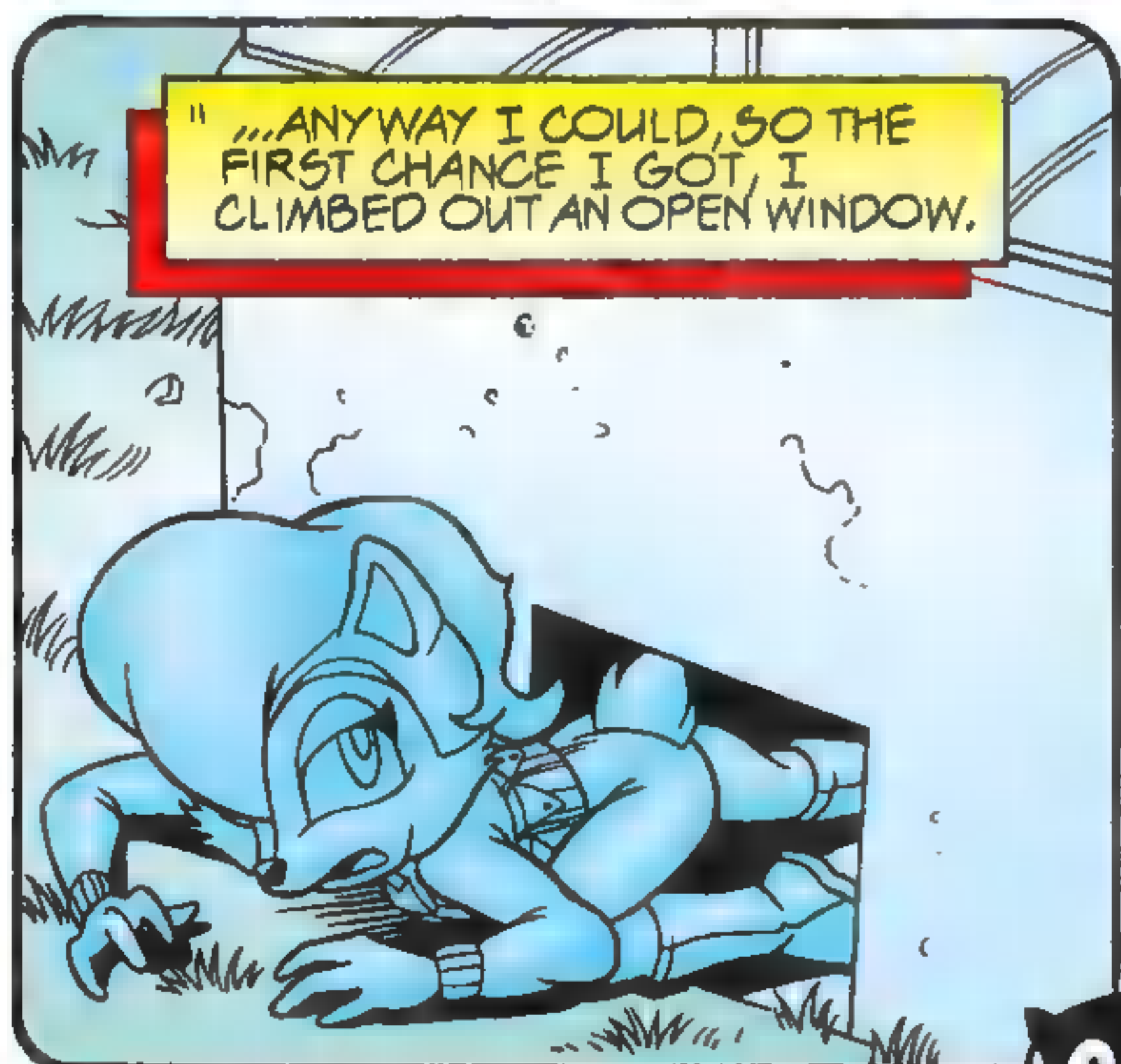
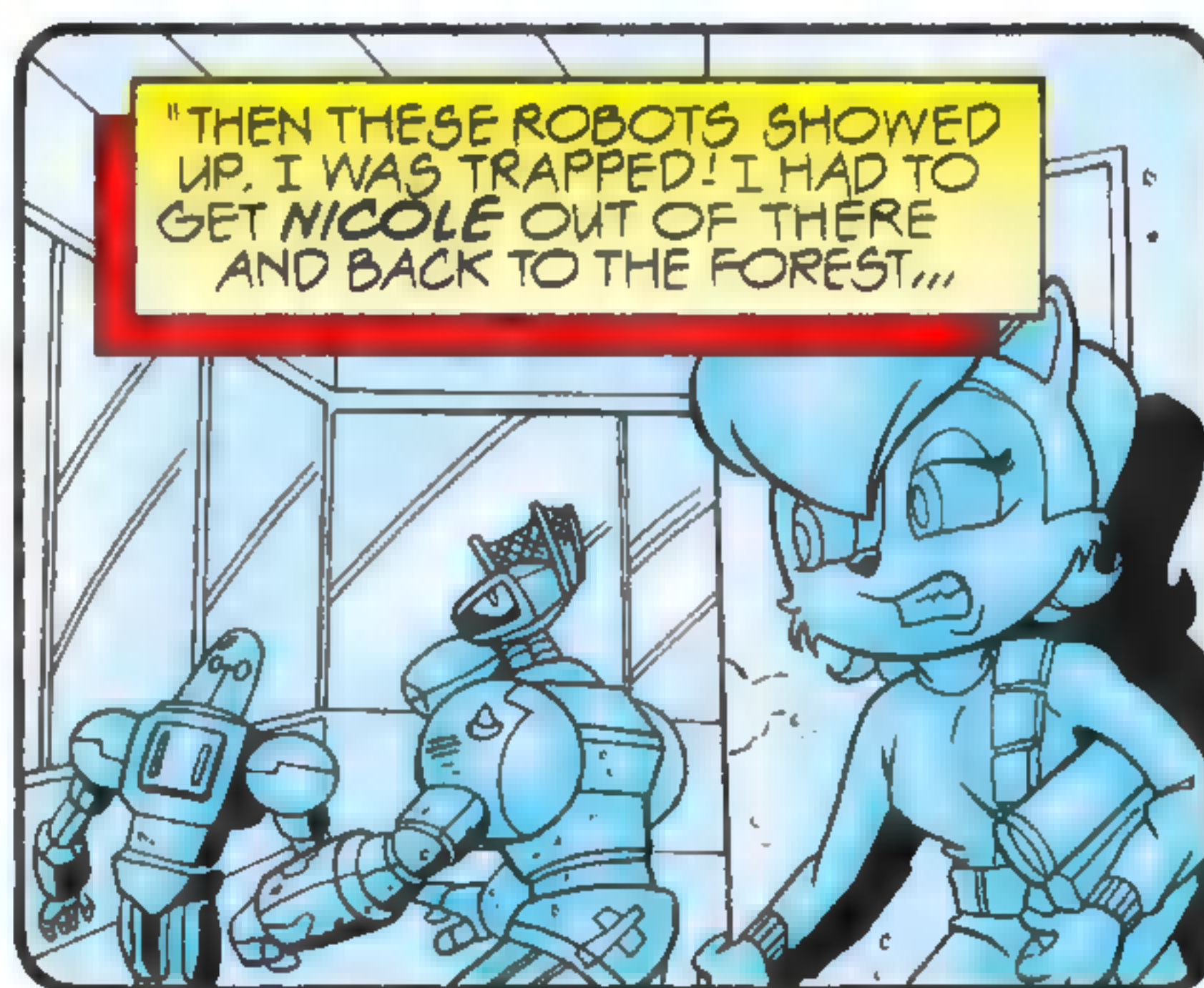
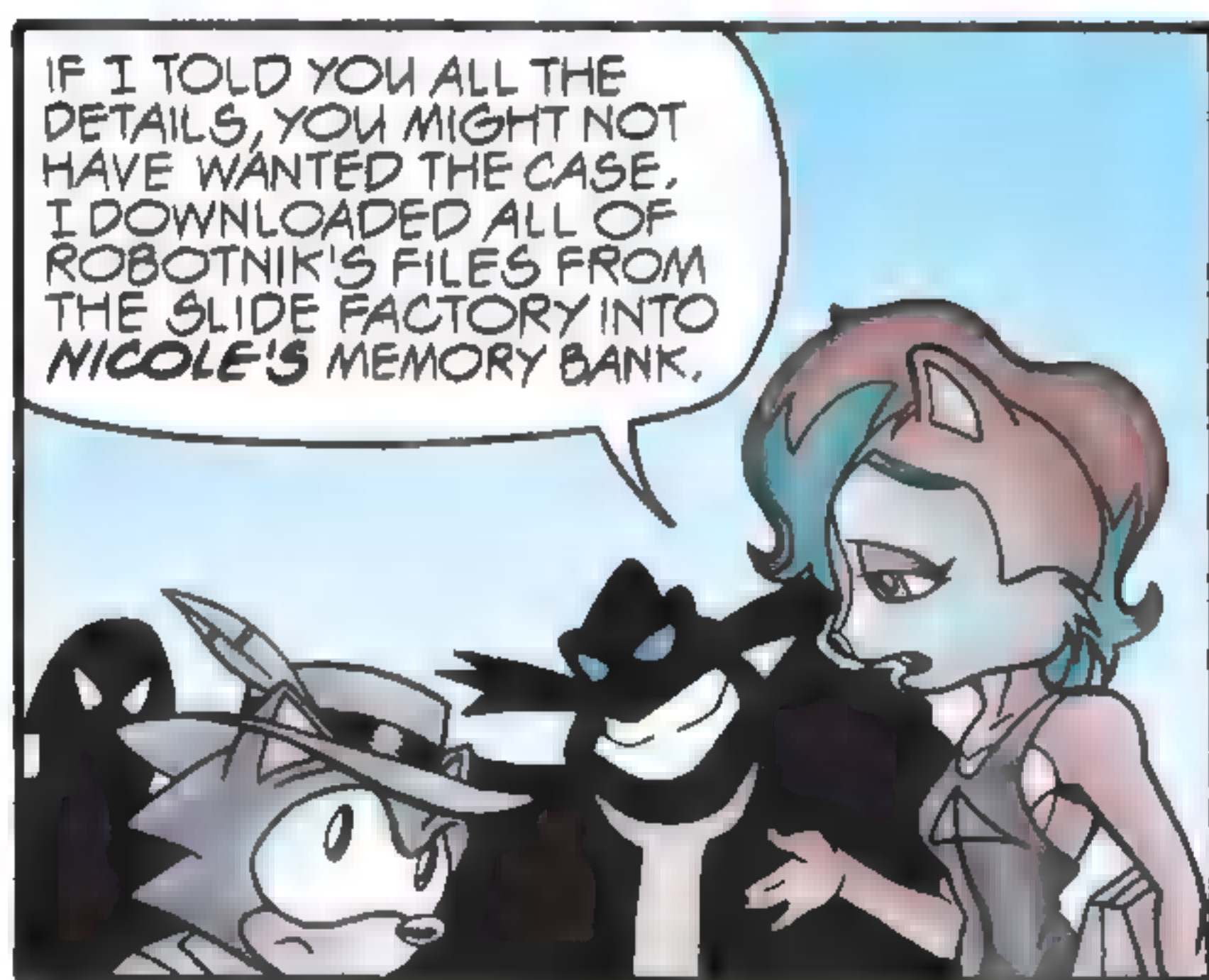
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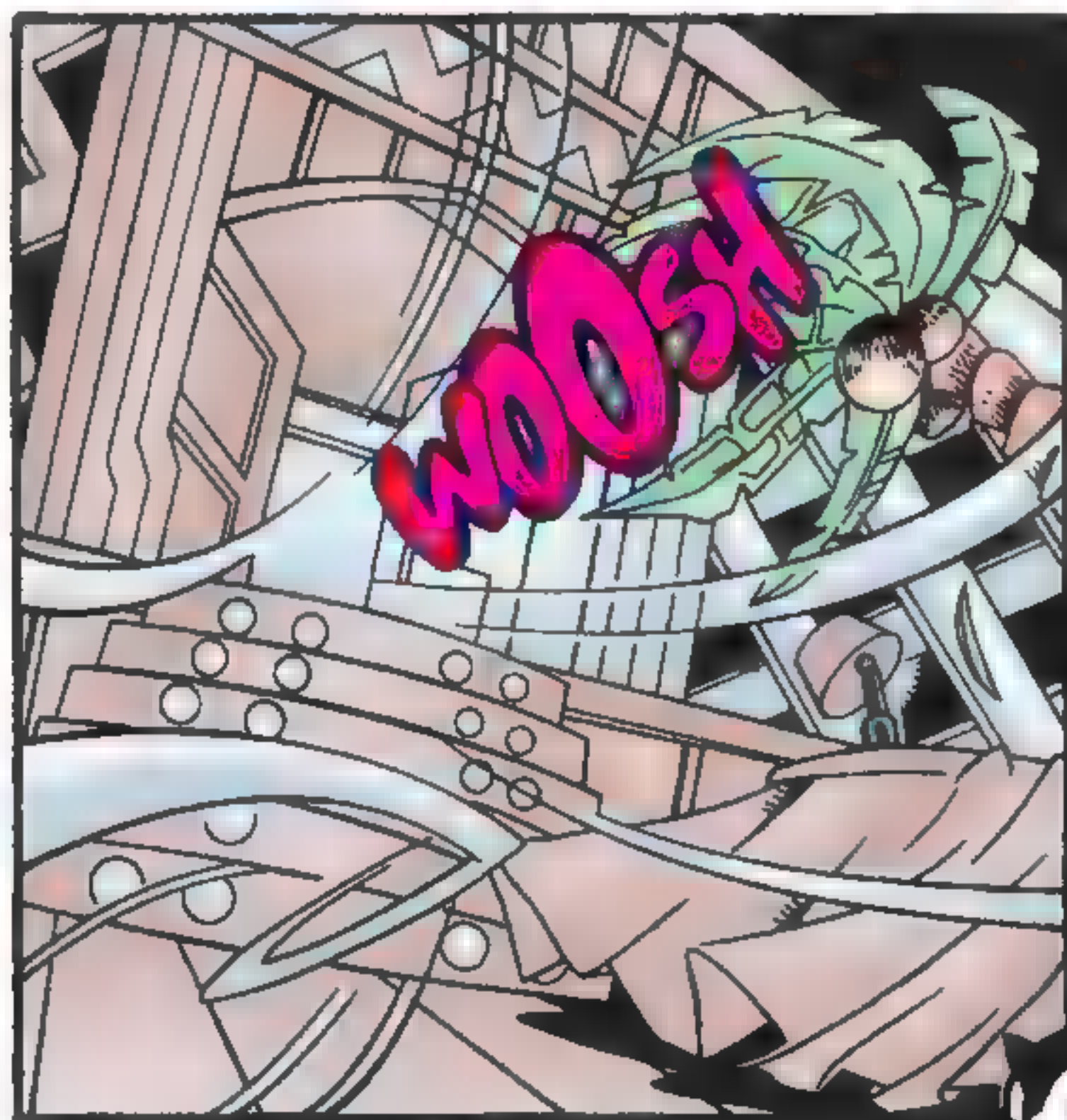
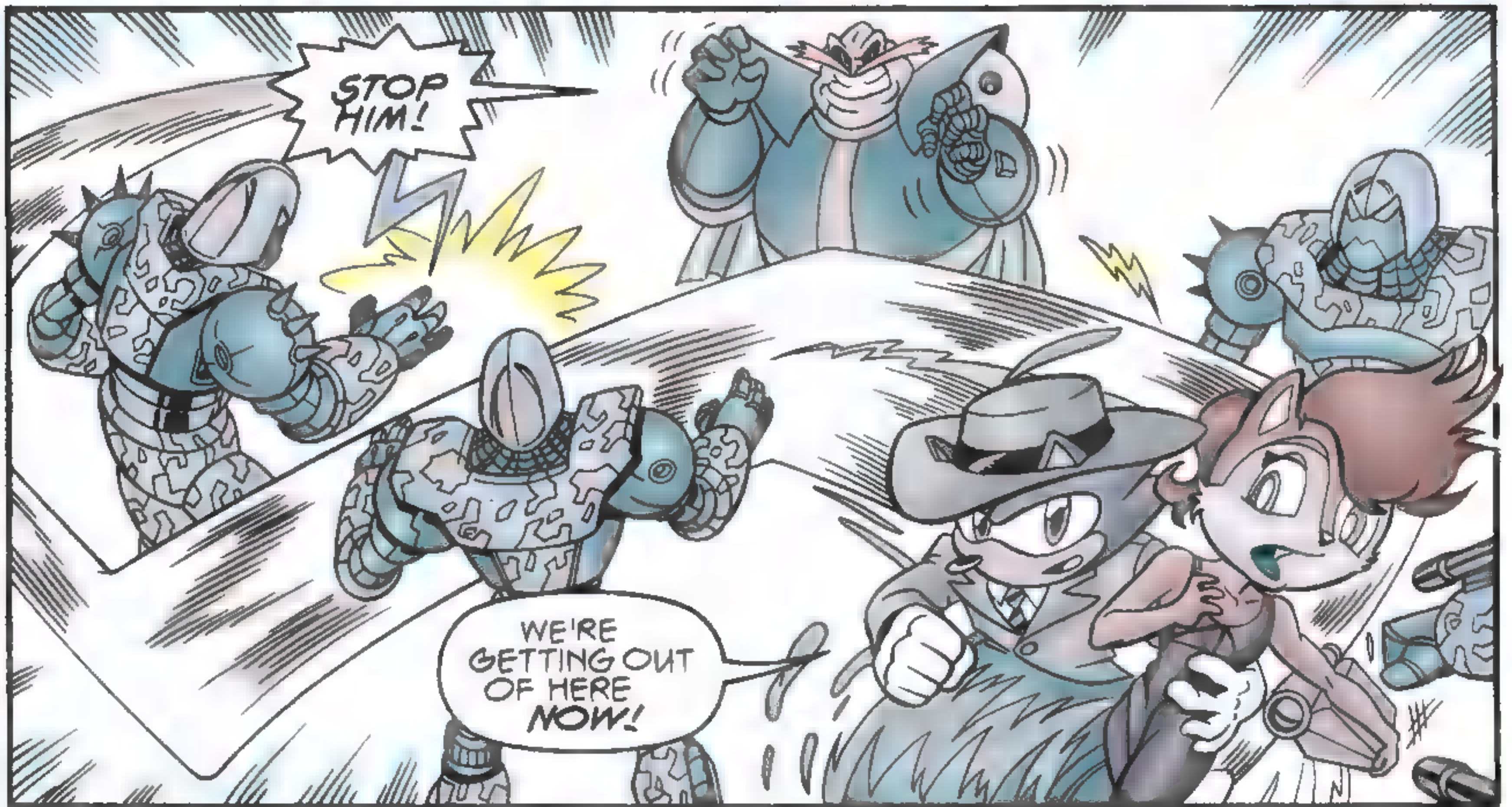
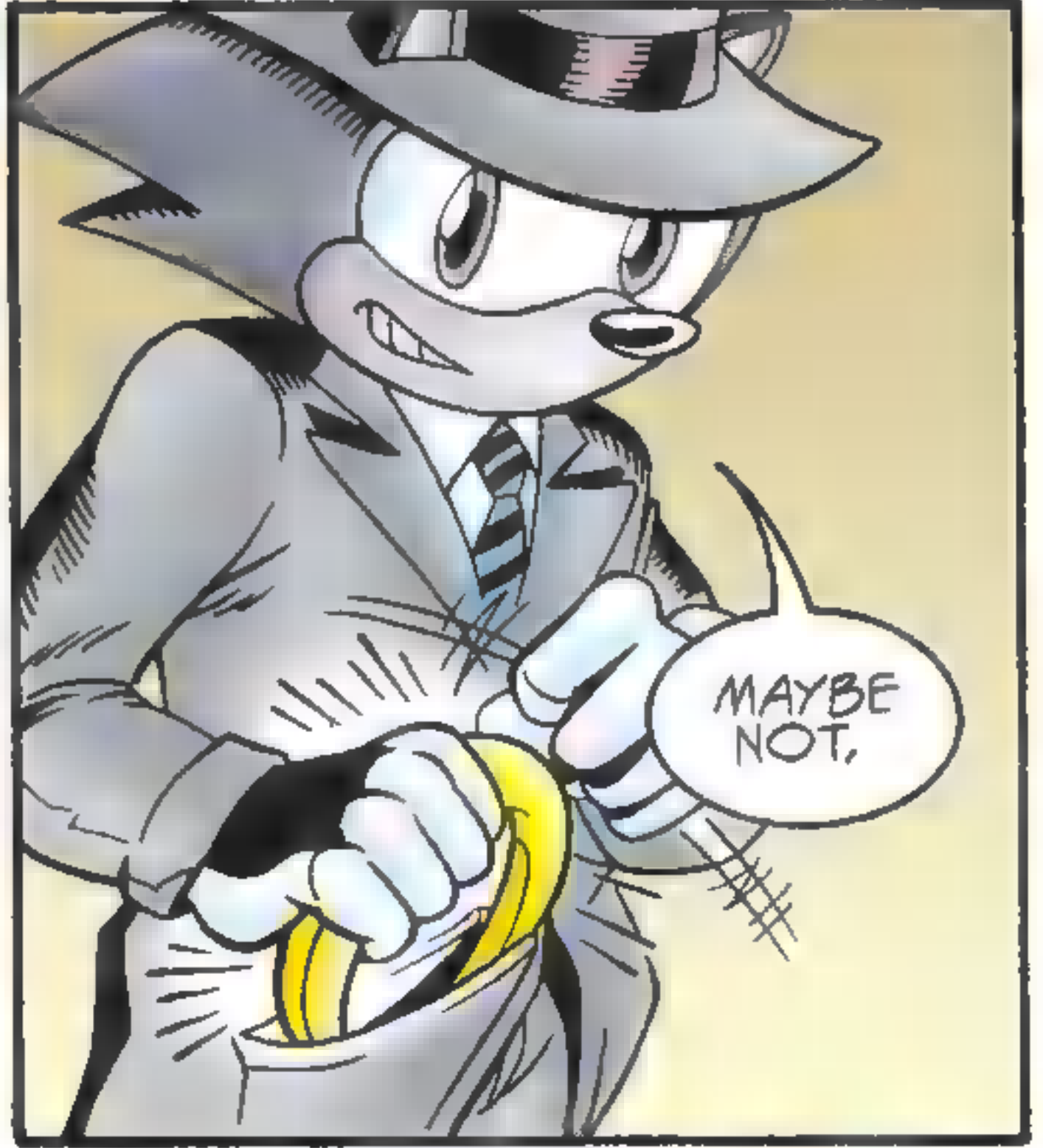
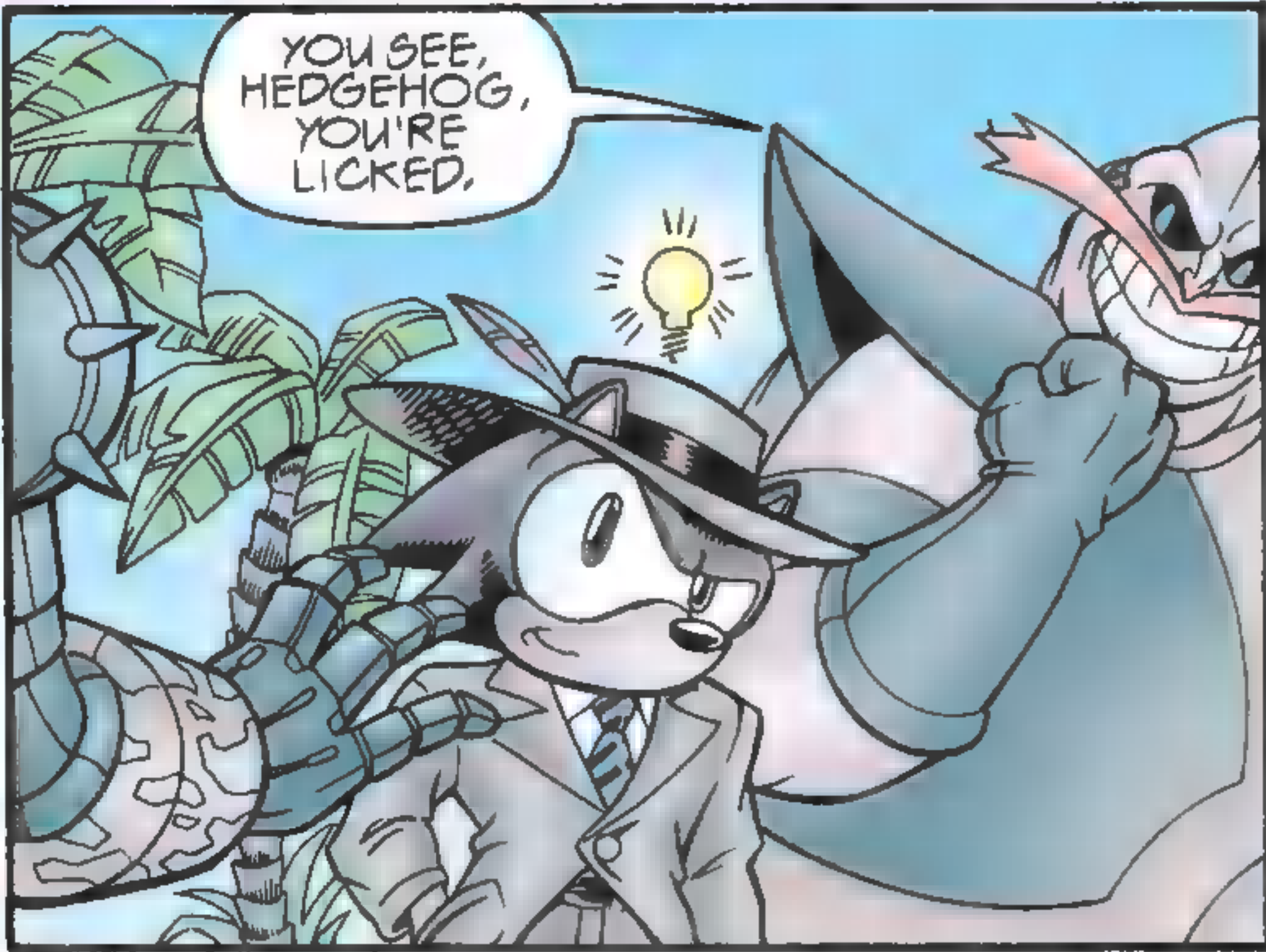




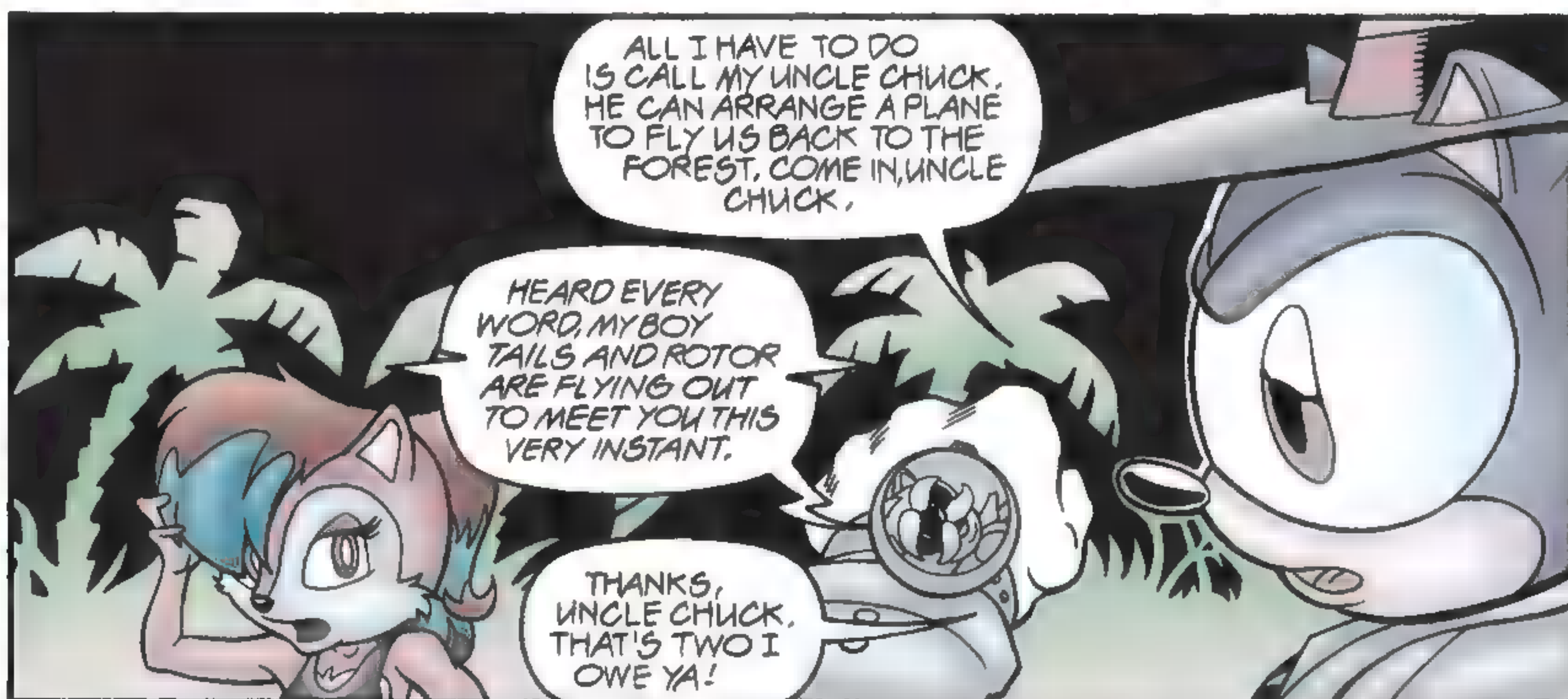




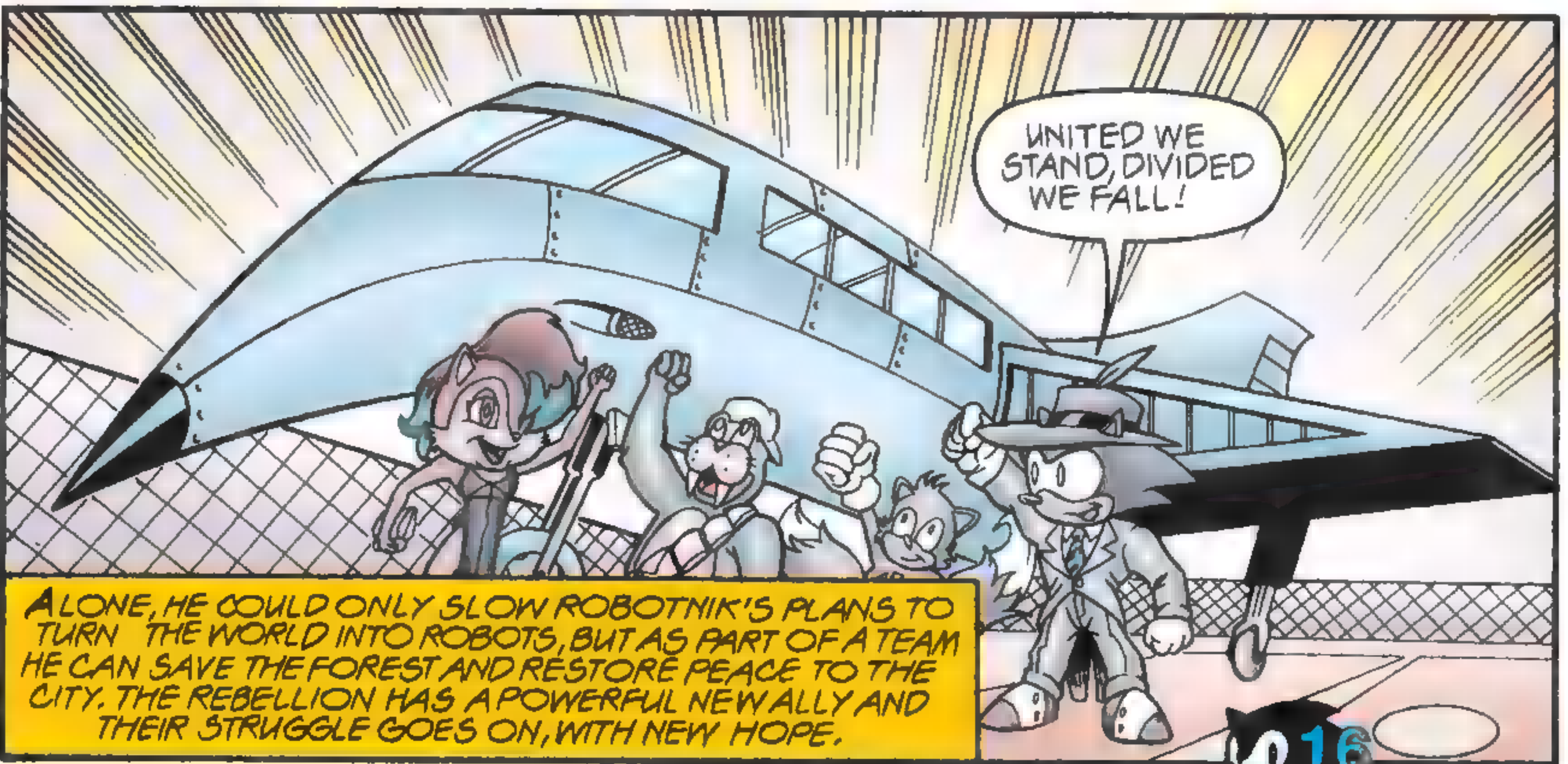
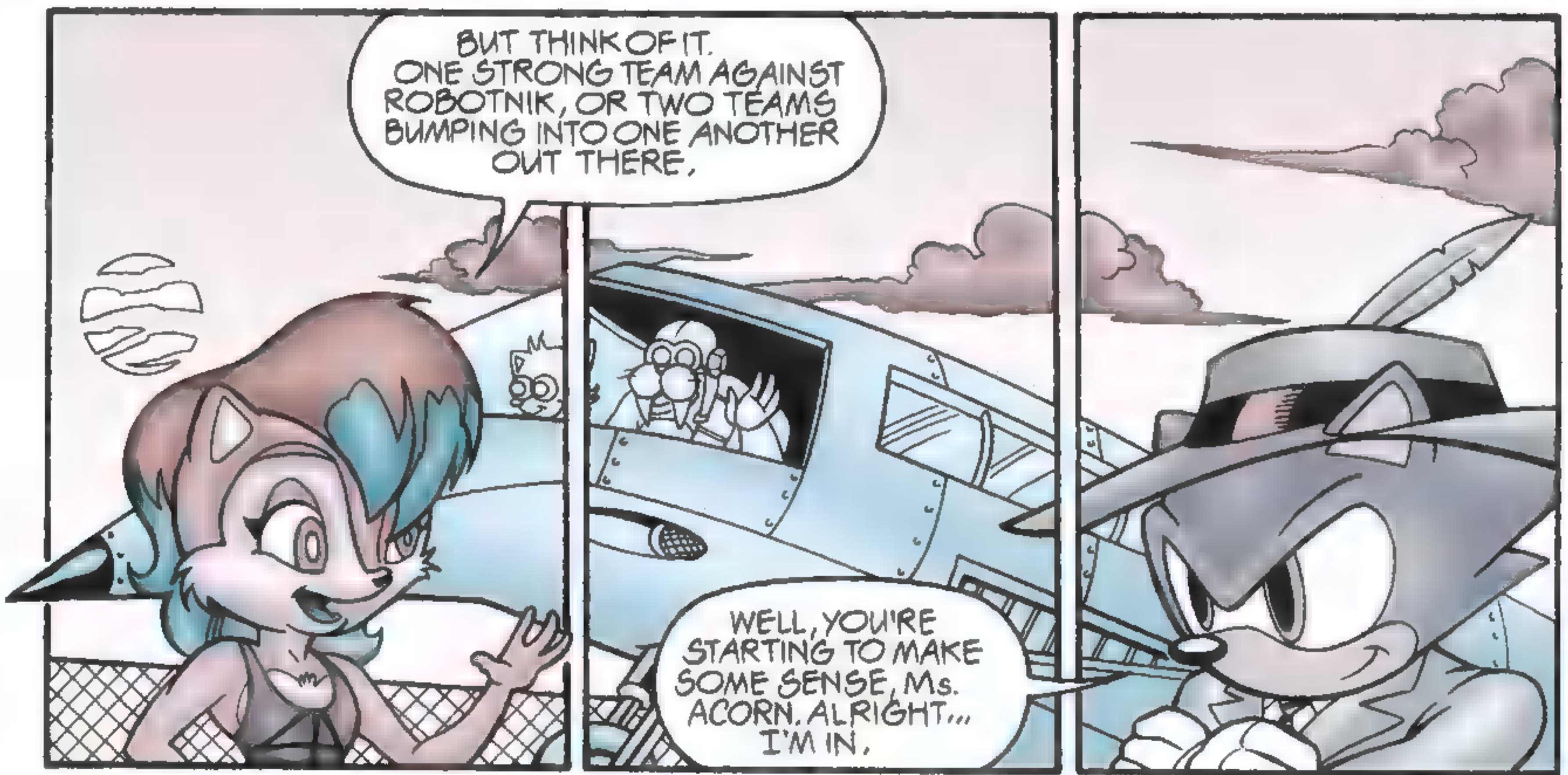
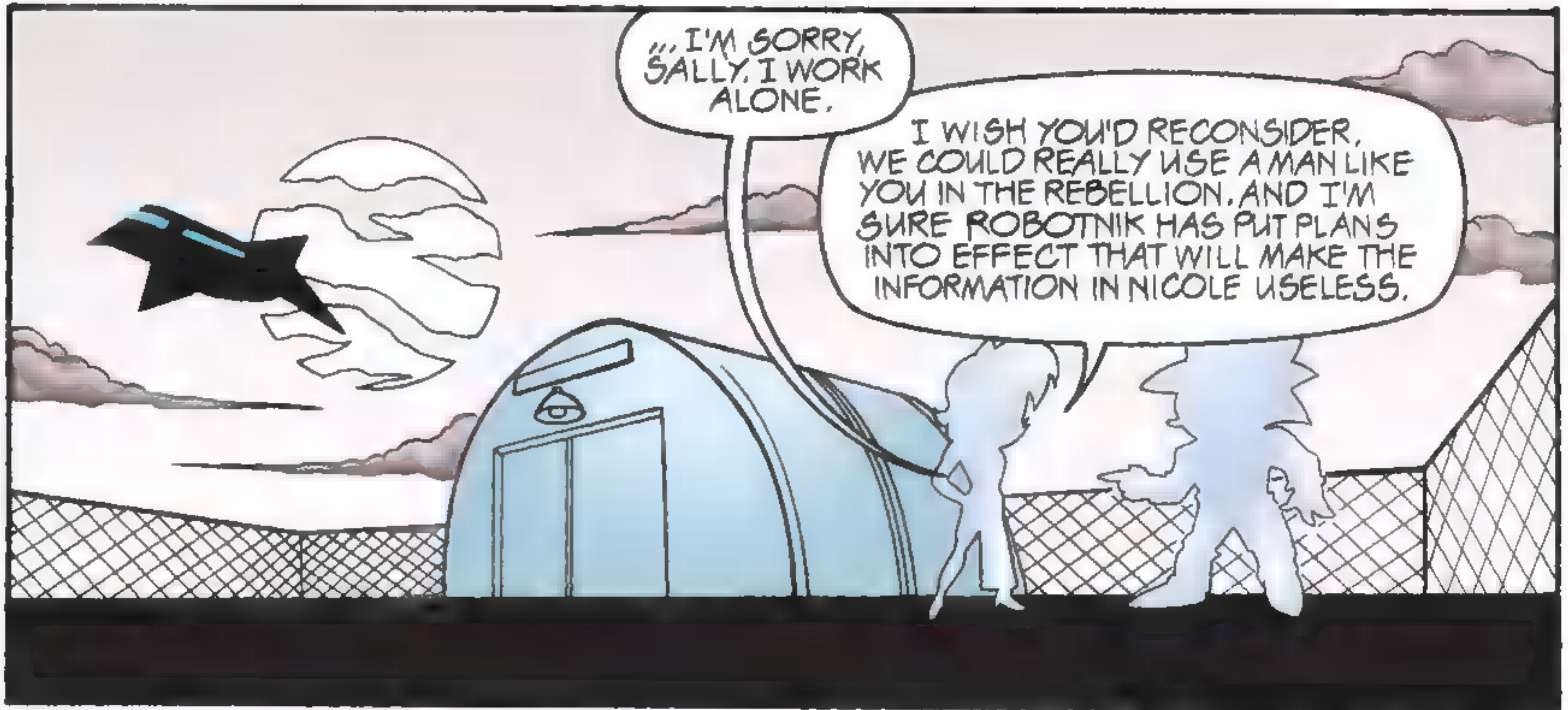




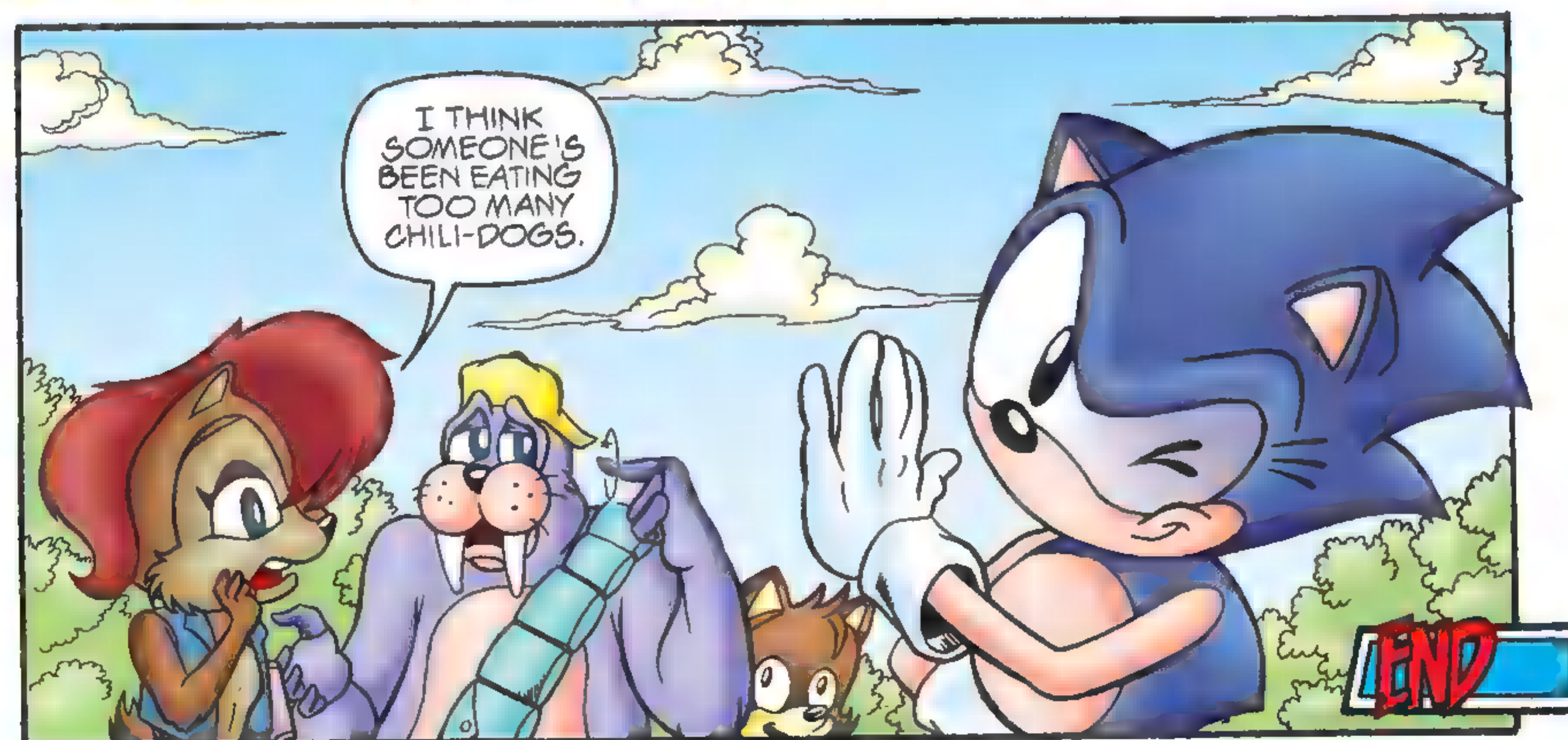
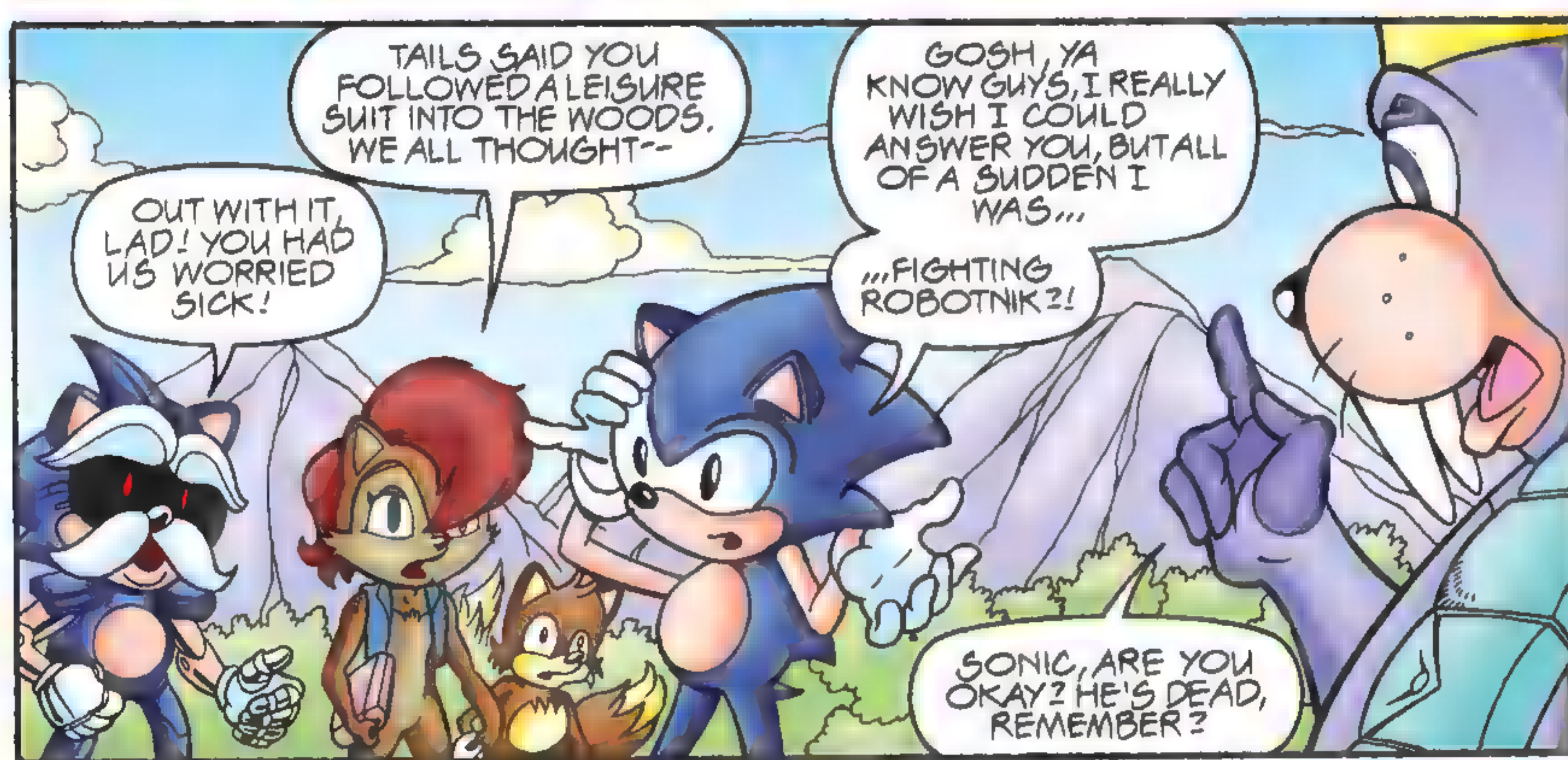
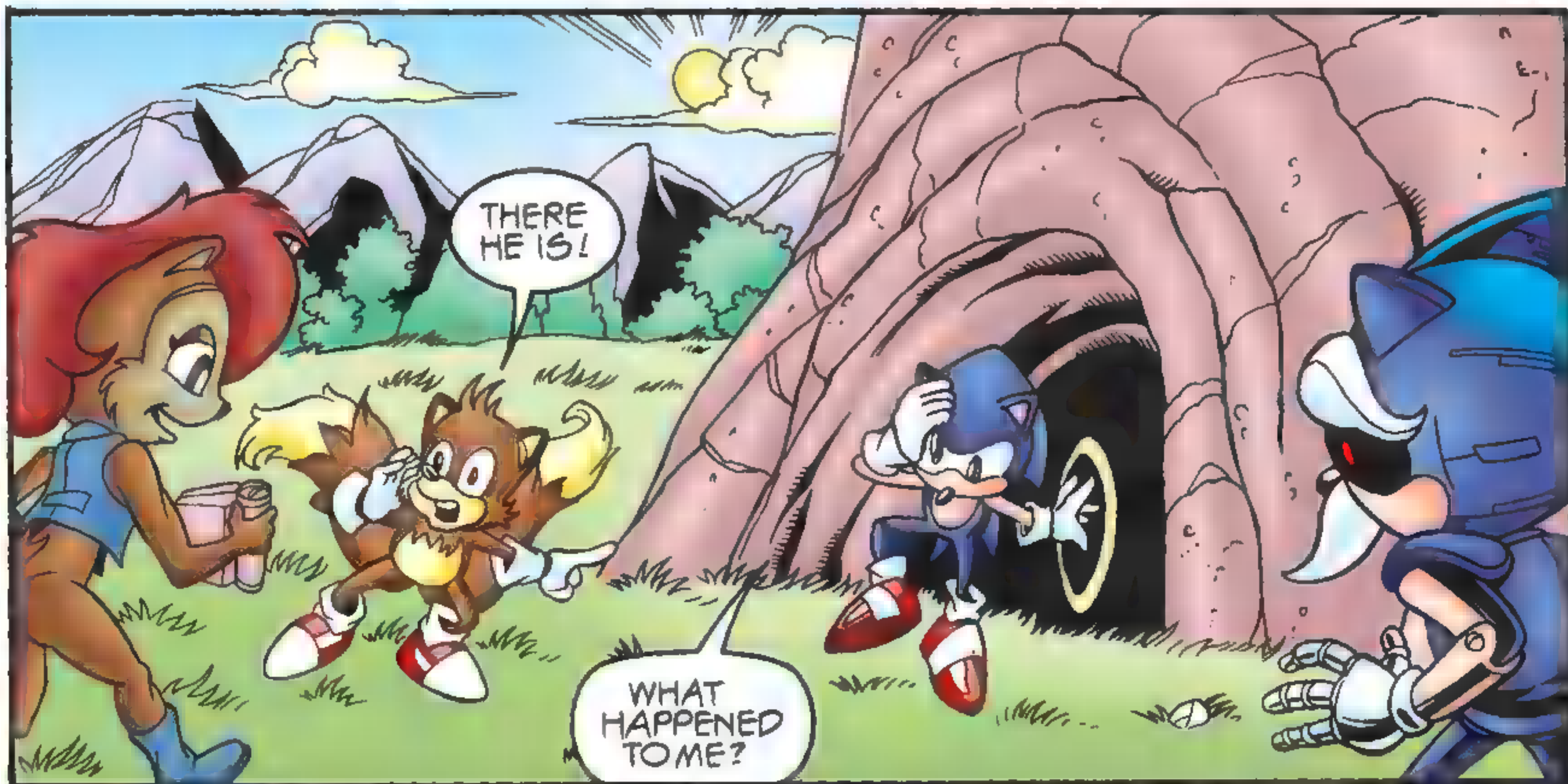




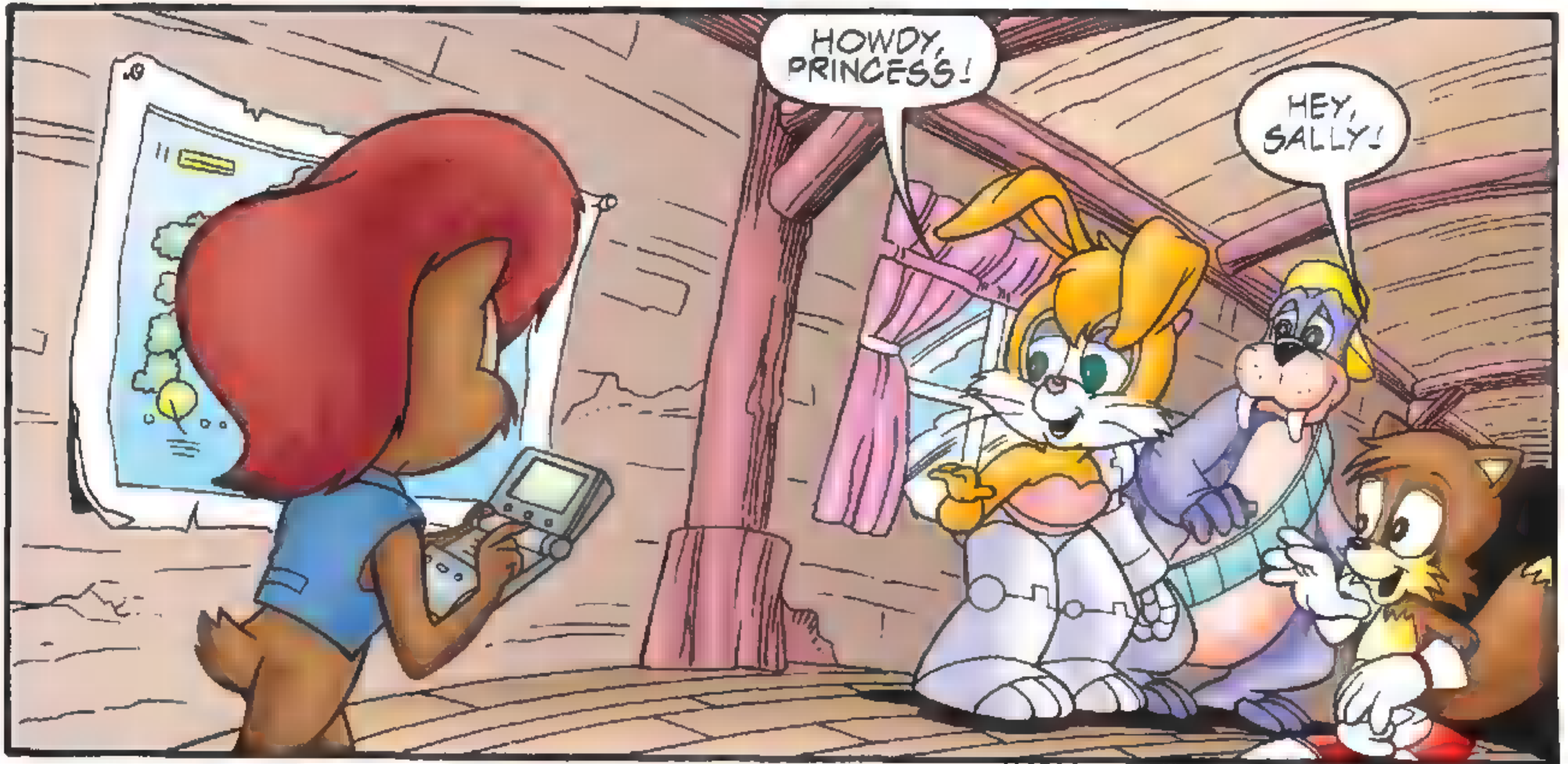






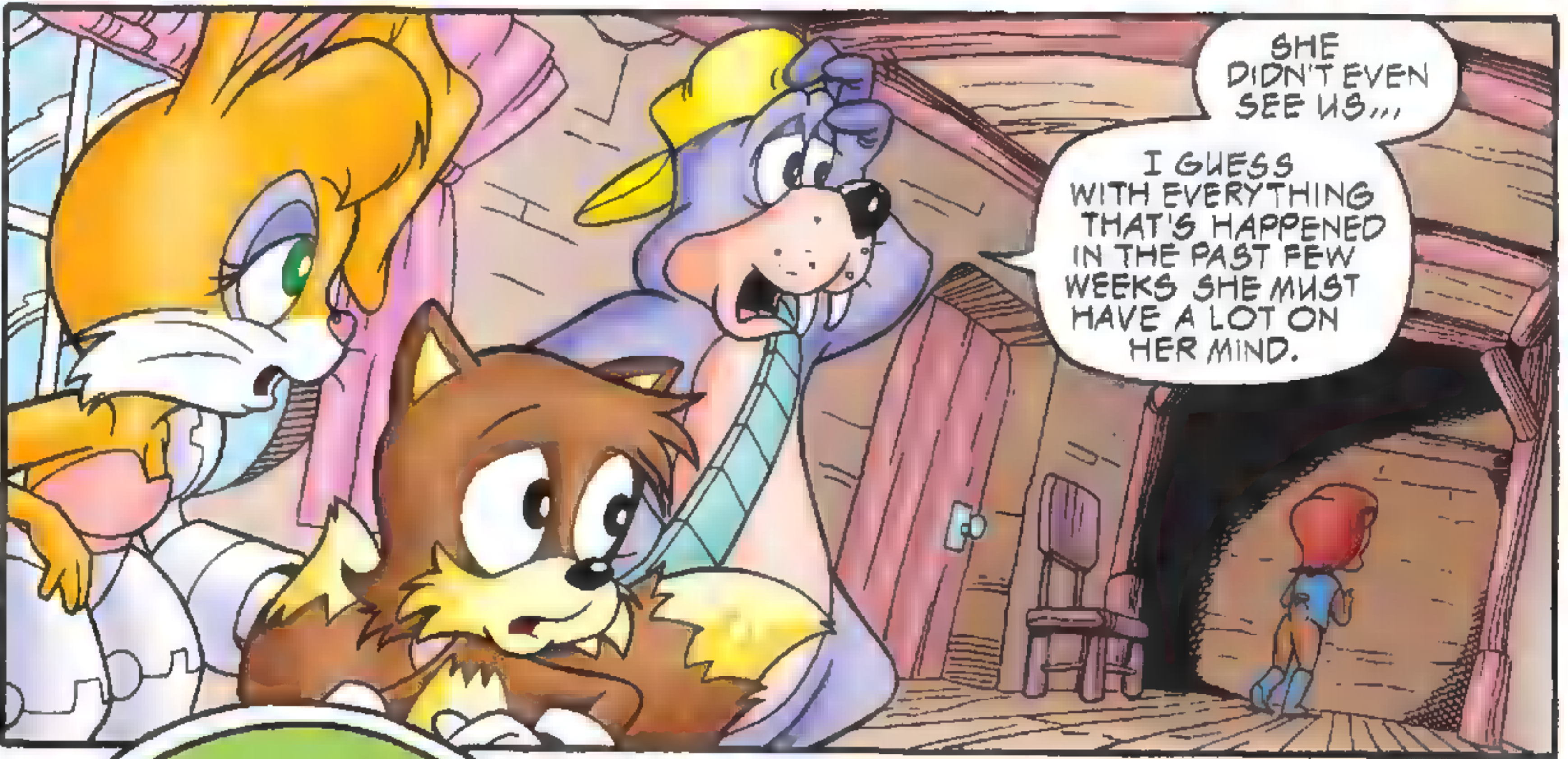






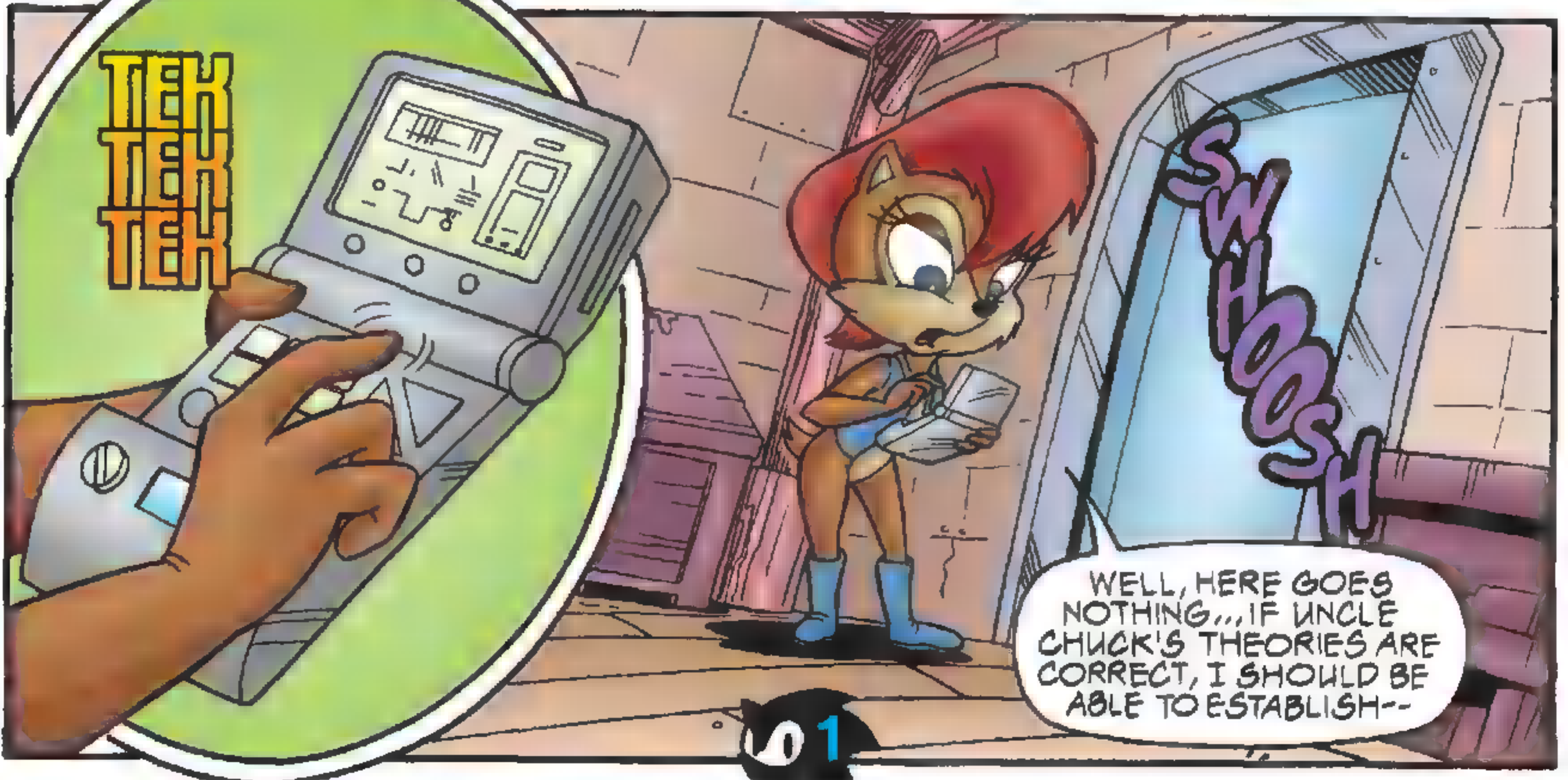
HOWDY, PRINCESS!

HEY, SALLY!



SHE DIDN'T EVEN SEE US...

I GUESS WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS SHE MUST HAVE A LOT ON HER MIND.

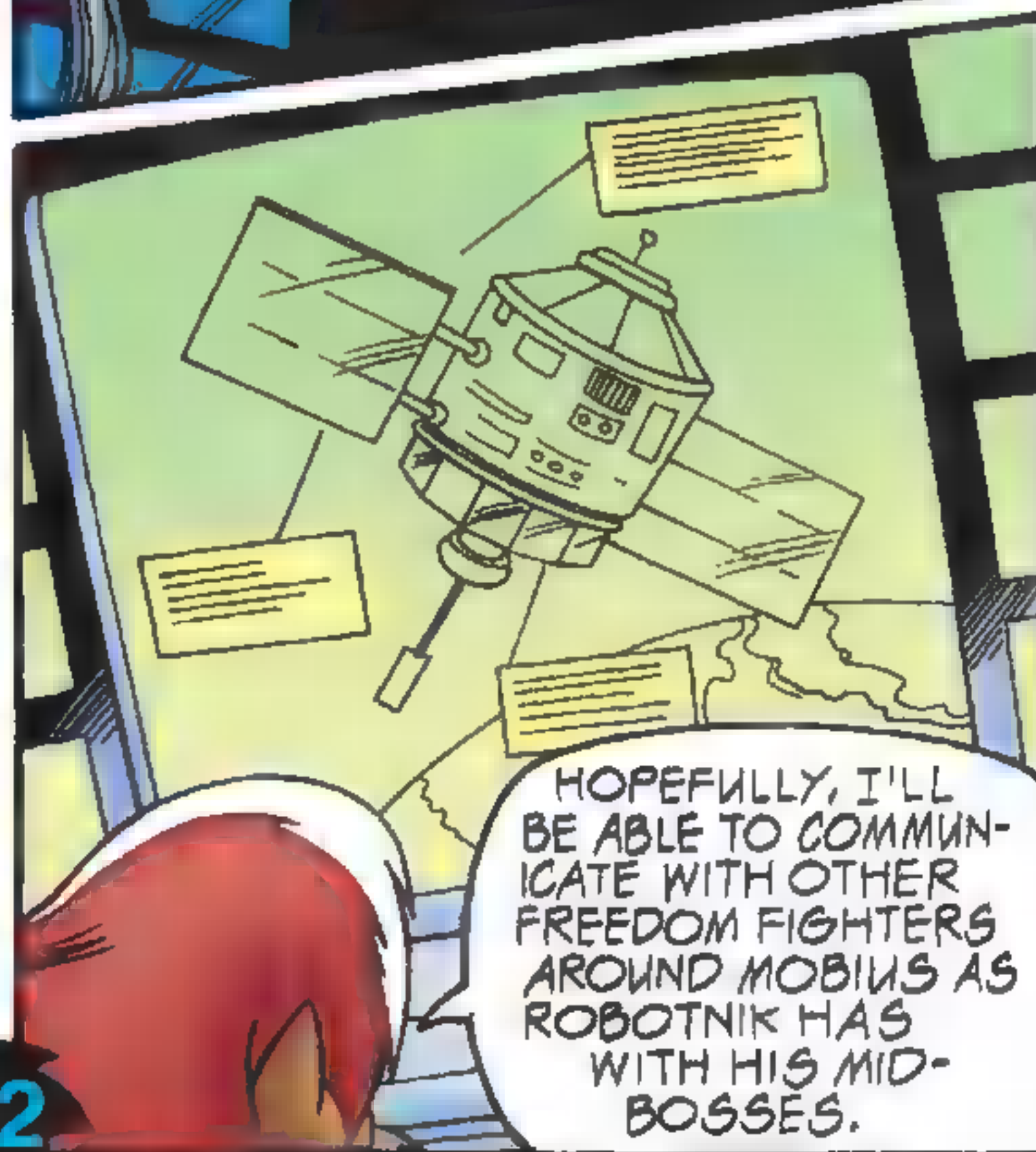
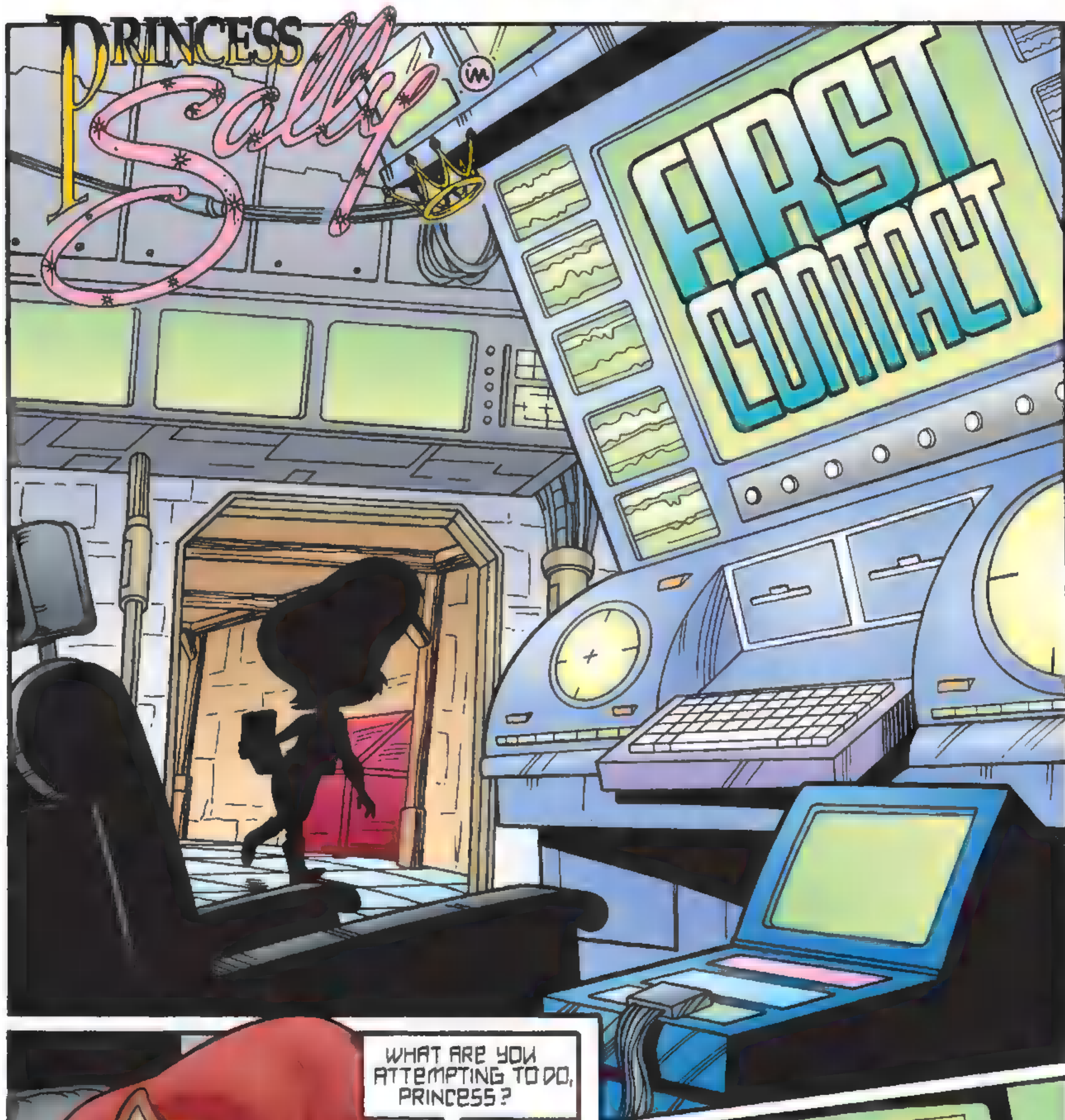


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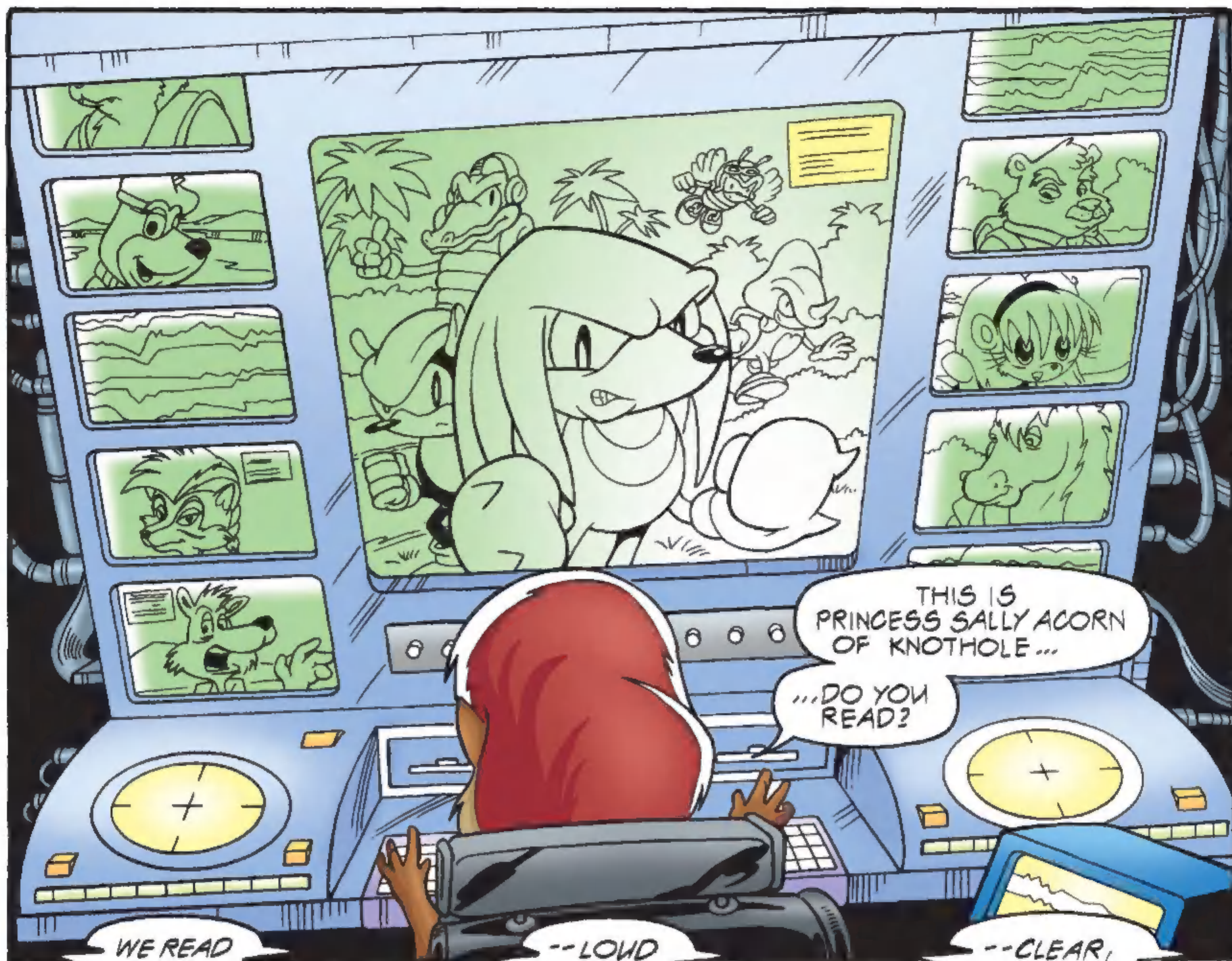
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WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING... IF UNCLE CHUCK'S THEORIES ARE CORRECT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH--









THIS IS  
PRINCESS SALLY ACORN  
OF KNOTHOLE...

...DO YOU  
READ?

WE READ  
YOU--

--LOUD  
AND--

--CLEAR,  
PRINCESS!

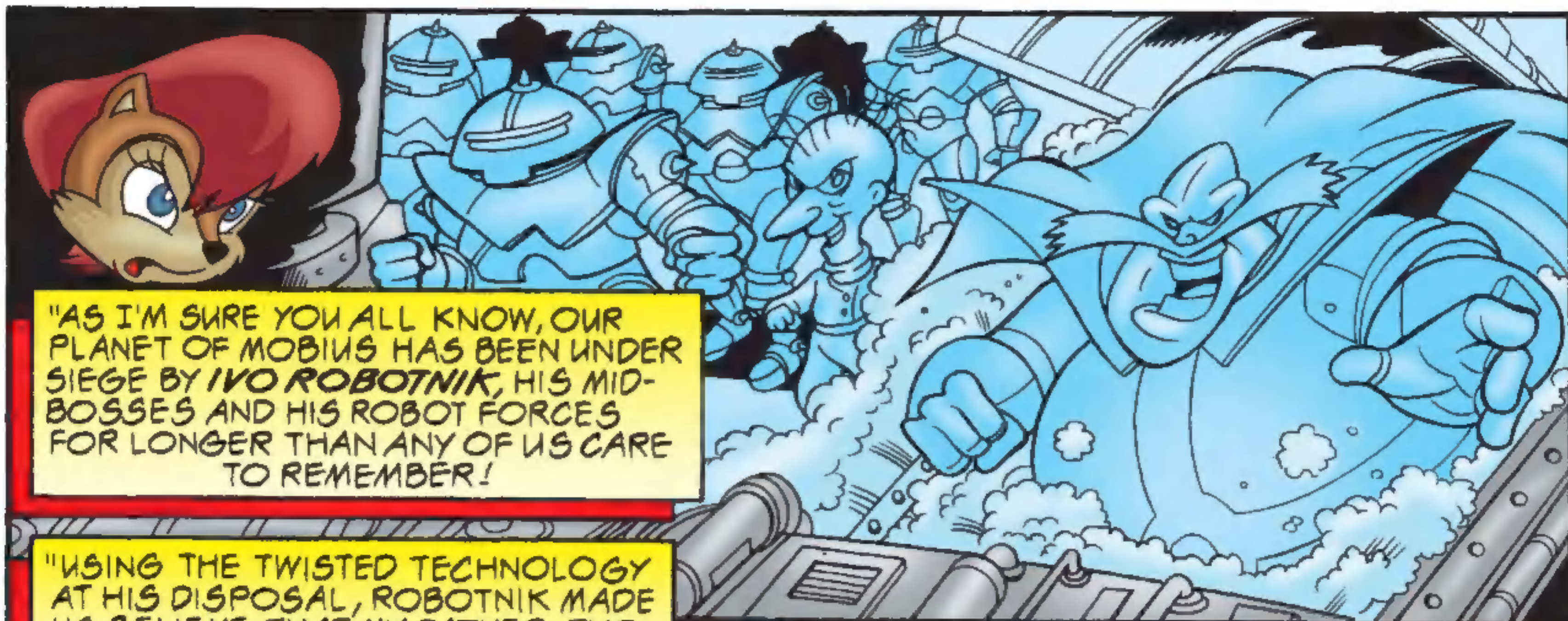


I'VE CONTACTED  
YOU FOR REASONS OF  
DIRE IMPORTANCE.



LET ME  
EXPLAIN...





"AS I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW, OUR PLANET OF MOBIUS HAS BEEN UNDER SIEGE BY **IVO ROBOTNIK**, HIS MID-BOSSES AND HIS ROBOT FORCES FOR LONGER THAN ANY OF US CARE TO REMEMBER!

"USING THE TWISTED TECHNOLOGY AT HIS DISPOSAL, ROBOTNIK MADE US BELIEVE THAT MY FATHER, THE KING, HAD FINALLY RETURNED..."

"...WHEN IN FACT IT WAS PART OF ROBOTNIK'S PLAN TO--

"--MAKE EVERYONE THINK THAT I'D HAD A FATAL FALL--

"--FRAME SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FOR THE TREACHEROUS DEED--

"--AND FINALLY FIND AND ENSLAVE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!"



"MANAGING TO ESCAPE, SONIC HAD TO CONVINCE GEOFFREY ST. JOHN OF HIS INNOCENCE..."

"...BEFORE THEY COULD TEAM UP TO LIBERATE OUR HOME!"

"BUT BELIEVE ME, ROBOTNIK WASN'T GOING TO GO OUT EASY!"

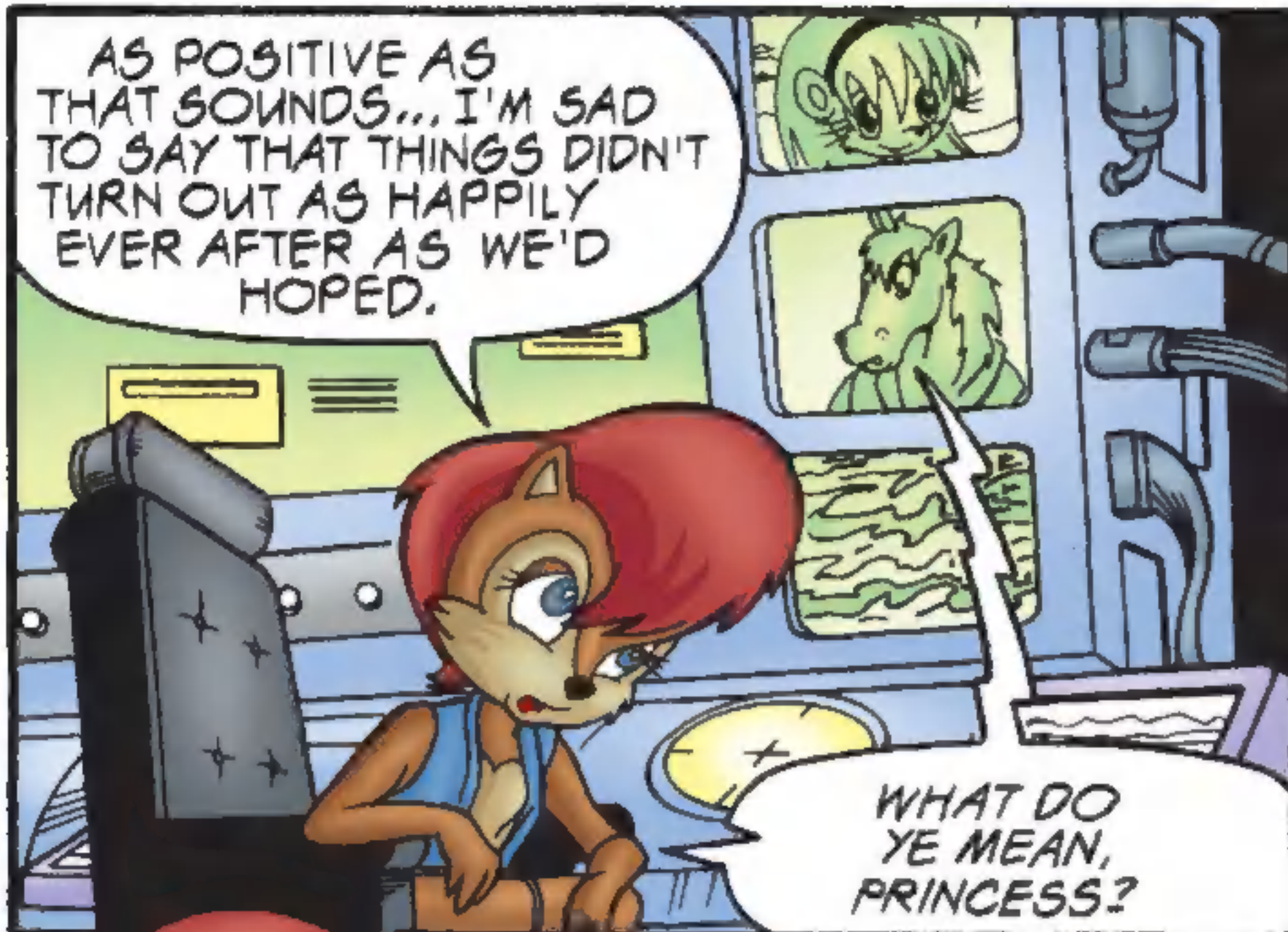
"USING HIS DOOMSDAY DEVICE, THE **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR**, HE SOUGHT TO **ERASE** ALL OF EXISTENCE,

"INSTEAD, HIS PLAN BACKFIRED!"

"I AWAKENED FROM MY DEATH-LIKE COMA TO FIND THAT ROBOTNIK WAS GONE FOREVER, SONIC WAS A HERO, AND MY TRUE FATHER WAS **ALIVE!**"

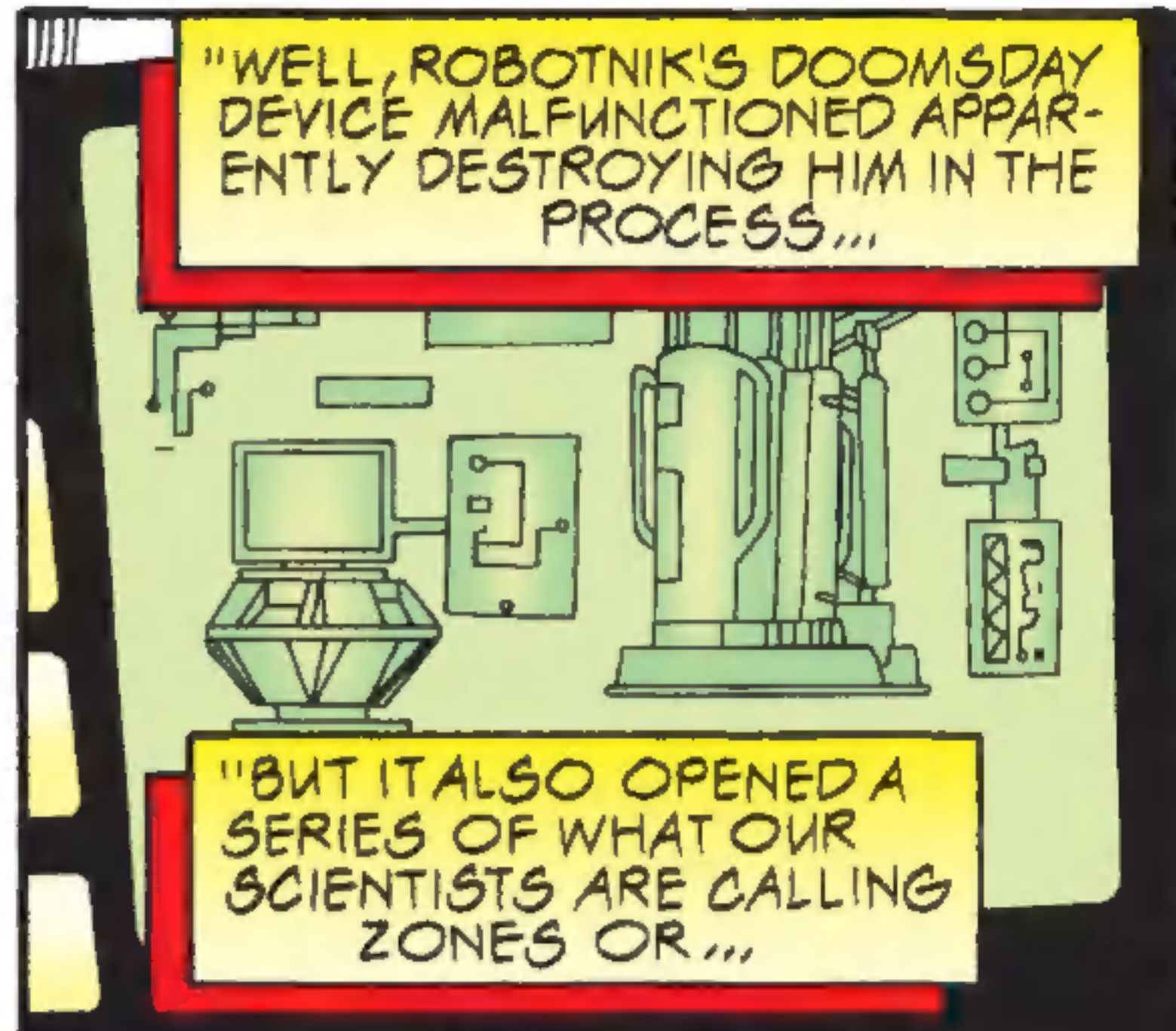
"WE PLAN TO ENTER INTO ROBOTROPOLIS TOMORROW MORNING TO ASCERTAIN THE DAMAGE DONE TO OUR FORMER CAPITAL. THIS IS A GREAT STEP TOWARD A FREE MOBIUS."





AS POSITIVE AS THAT SOUNDS... I'M SAD TO SAY THAT THINGS DIDN'T TURN OUT AS HAPPILY EVER AFTER AS WE'D HOPED.

WHAT DO YE MEAN, PRINCESS?



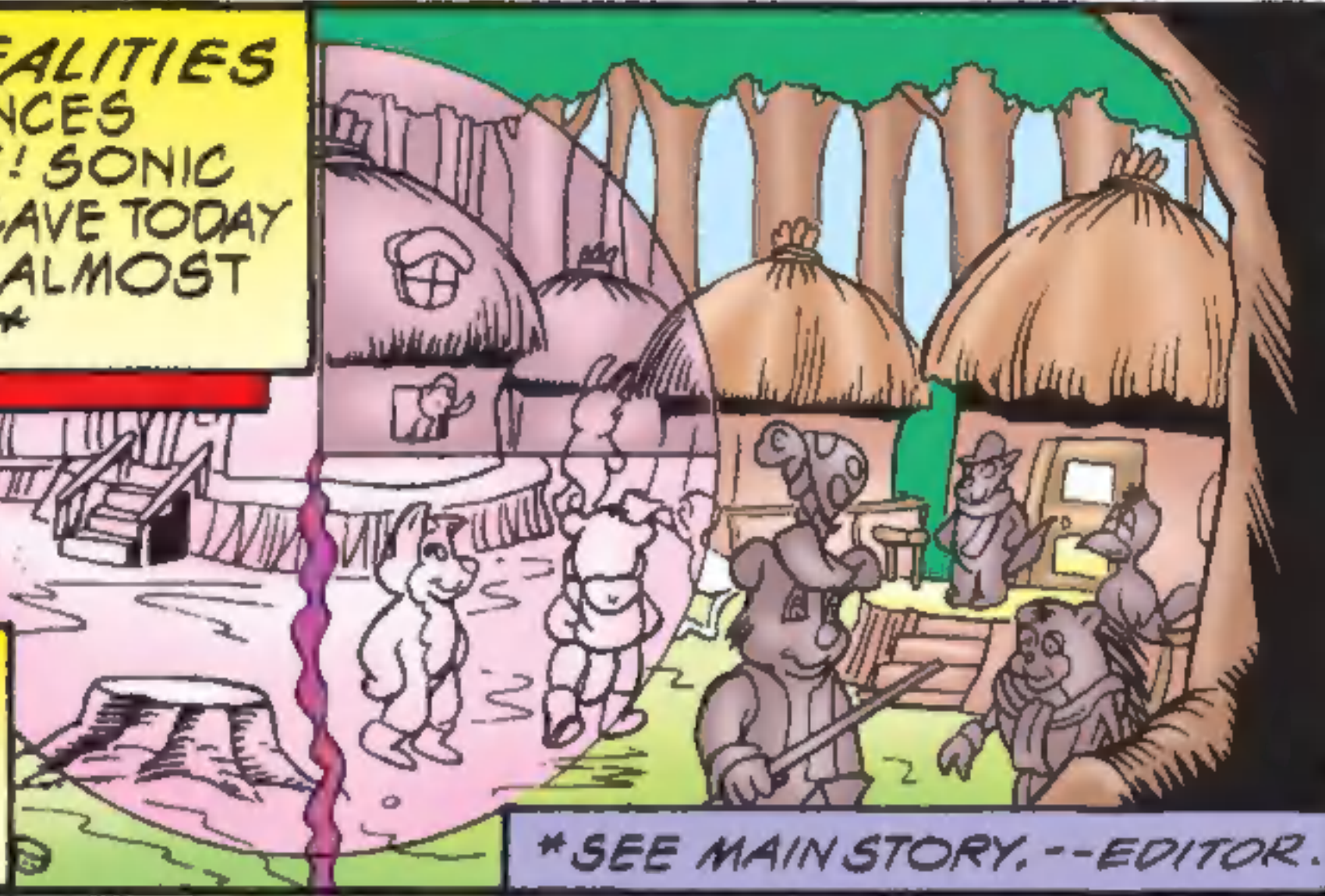
"WELL, ROBOTNIK'S DOOMSDAY DEVICE MALFUNCTIONED APPARENTLY DESTROYING HIM IN THE PROCESS..."

"BUT IT ALSO OPENED A SERIES OF WHAT OUR SCIENTISTS ARE CALLING ZONES OR..."

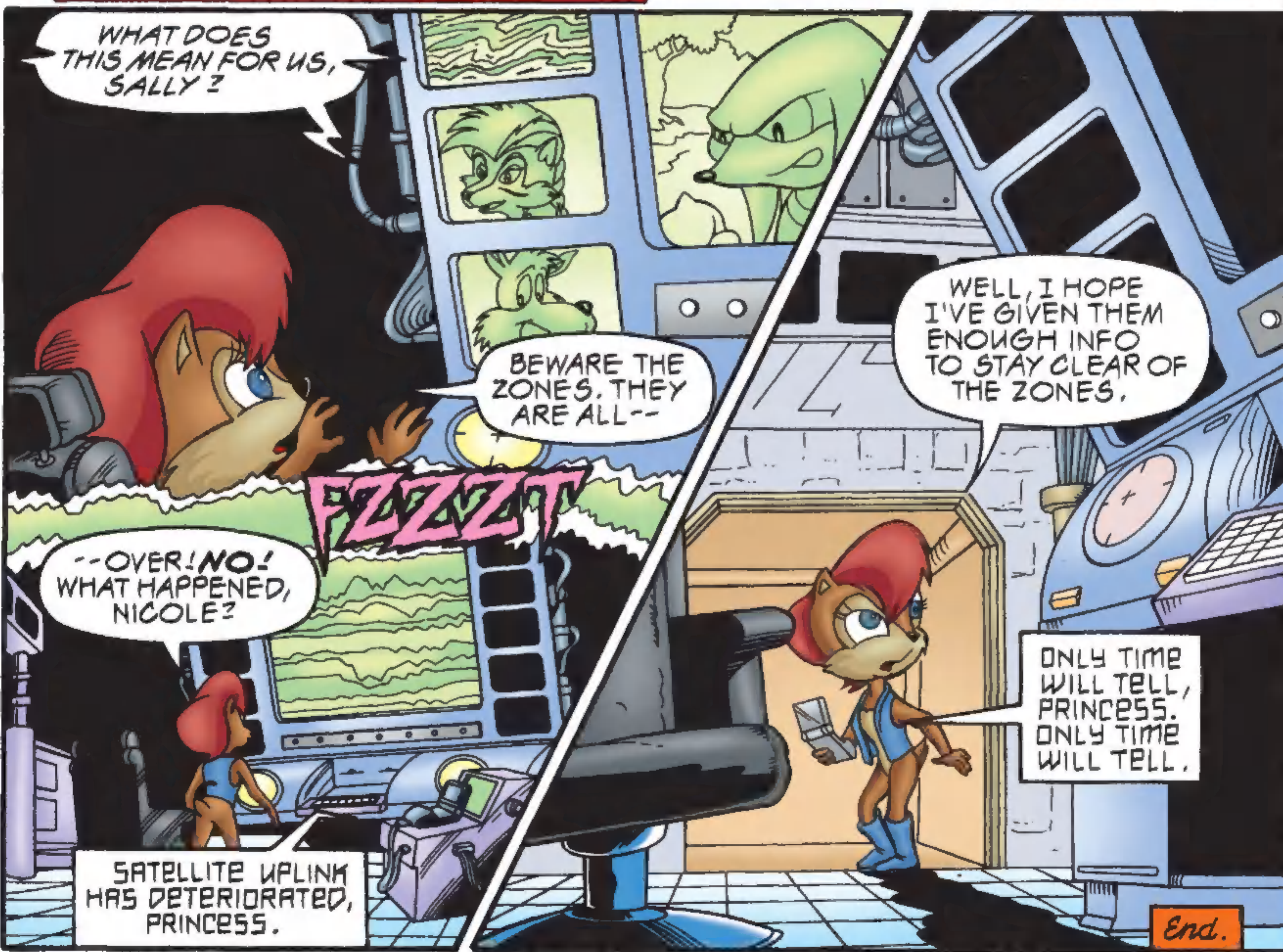


"...ALTERNATE REALITIES IN RANDOM APPEARANCES AROUND THE PLANET! SONIC FELL INTO ONE BY A CAVE TODAY THAT DISAPPEARED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.\*

"EVEN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE EXISTS IN A TEMPORAL ZONE THREE HOURS AHEAD. THE ONLY WAY IN AND OUT IS THROUGH THE GREAT OAK SLIDE."



\*SEE MAIN STORY. --EDITOR.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US, SALLY?

BEWARE THE ZONES. THEY ARE ALL--

WELL, I HOPE I'VE GIVEN THEM ENOUGH INFO TO STAY CLEAR OF THE ZONES.

--OVER! NO! WHAT HAPPENED, NICOLE?

SATELLITE UPLINK HAS DETERIORATED, PRINCESS.

ONLY TIME WILL TELL, PRINCESS. ONLY TIME WILL TELL.

End.